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ATT: Joan Jessome, President, Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union
Janet Hazelton, President, Nova Scotia Nurses Union
Rick Clarke, President, Nova Scotia Federation of Labour
Jacquie Bramwell, National Representative, Canadian Union of Public Employees
Lana Payne, Atlantic Director, Unifor

Dear Ms. Jessome, Ms. Hazelton, Mr. Clarke, Ms. Bramwell, and Ms. Payne:

Thank you for your letter dated February 14, 2014, regarding the reorganization of the district health authorities, to myself and Honourable Leo Glavine, Minister of Health and Wellness.

Planning for the reorganization is in the early stages at this time. You are aware that the Minister of Health and Wellness is currently embarked on a tour of all districts including the IWK. The purpose of the tour is to engage stakeholders in a discussion of how to improve the health system. Union leaders at the local level have been invited to attend these sessions. As well, there is a commitment to meet with all of you, as the provincial union leaders, as part of the tour.

Government has not made any decisions on the issues you have raised. It is currently assessing the many complex elements of the current health system. As we consider and reach conclusions on these and many other issues, your proposal will be considered.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the health system of Nova Scotia. I look forward to the opportunity to work with you as the health system is reshaped.

Regards,

Honourable Stephen McNeil, M.L.A.
Premier

Copy to: Honourable Leo A. Glavine, Minister of Health and Wellness