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RE: Budget Implementation Act: Bill C-59

Dear President Clement:

The *Budget Implementation Act: Bill C-59* introduced by your government aims to circumvent the collective bargaining rights of the members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada and undermines their collective agreement provisions for sick leave and long-term disability that were bargained in good faith.


Your government's decision to introduce this bill clearly demonstrates a lack of respect for the rights of workers to bargain collectively and stands in contravention to both the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the actions of every other prior government which has recognized this fundamental right of workers.

Furthermore, the Parliamentary Budget Officer has refuted all assertions that the current sick leave and disability regimes are abused or too costly. If your government wishes to modify the current model you should negotiate in good faith with PSAC members at the bargaining table.

I call on your government to respect the rights of union members and the sanctity of the legally binding contract you have with PSAC members by striking these unfair provisions from *Bill C-59*.

Sincerely,

IRENE LANZINGER
President

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