

May 11, 2006

The Honourable Mary Anne V. Chambers, MPP  
Minister of Children and Youth Services  
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**Dear Mrs. Chambers,**

During a national conference of Criminal Justice Workers, organized by the National Union of Public and General Employees, the labour dispute at Kennedy House Youth Services Inc., a young offender facility in Ajax, east of Toronto, was brought to our attention.

We learned that our brothers and sisters at Kennedy House, the workers, have been on strike since March 28. It is our understanding that the key issues in the dispute are employee safety, wages and hours of work.

These Youth Service Workers are paid \$10,000 a year less than workers at other young offender facilities in the province, and are forced to work with sub-standard security measures.

The employer has done nothing to improve safety for the workers in the 24-bed maximum security facility despite it being dubbed "volatile and vulnerable" in a Ministry report released in 2002.

To date Kennedy House Youth Services Inc. has shown no interest in seeking a fair and just resolution to this dispute. All the while, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services continues to fund this company – which is obviously not providing services at the level they are being funded for.

As representatives of thousands of workers in Criminal Justice and 340,000 members from all sectors, across Canada, we are calling on you, as Minister, to investigate the matter and take action.

Sincerely yours,

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National President

cc: Steve Canning, President, Local 361, OPSEU/NUPGE

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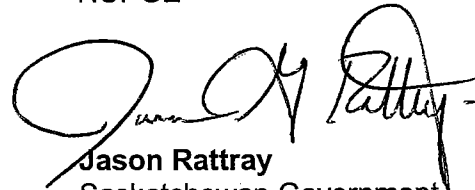
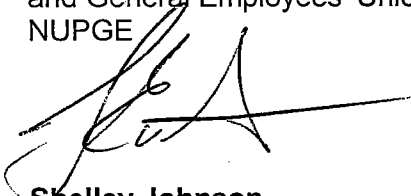
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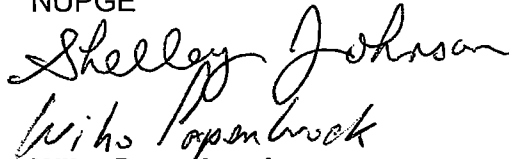
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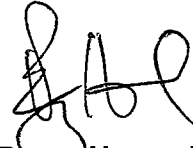


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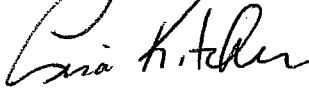


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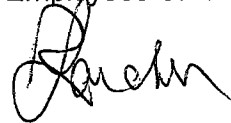


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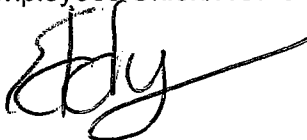
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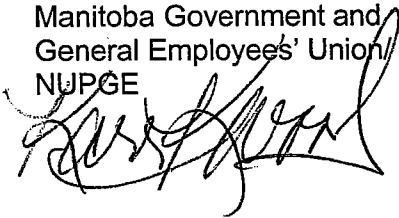


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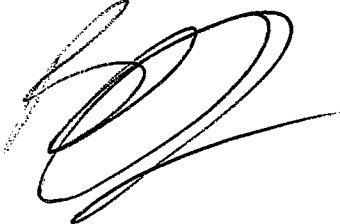
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