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Honourable Dwight Ball Leader of the Official Opposition Government of NL 3rd Floor East Block, P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6

Sent via email: dwightball@gov.nl.ca

Dear Mr. Ball:

Your party's snap support for Bill 22 betrays your commitment to listen to the people of this province.

It is unacceptable that the Liberal Party would support such a draconian change to labour legislation that took 4 years to negotiate. A mere two years later, and without any consultation with Labour you have decided to endorse significant changes that solely benefit the wishes of Employers in NL.

This is not only unfair, it is unjustified.

There was no reason to change the current legislation. As the legislation currently stands a union can be formed automatically if 65 per cent of a company's employees sign union cards. Signing a card shows intent. It is an expression of one's will. It is a vote. And 65% is a significant number.

You should demand that Minister Crummell openly consult with the NL Federation of Labour prior to introducing legislation on any and all issues that impact working people.

I am writing to demand you withdraw your support for Bill 22.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Baldwin

Regional Executive Vice-President, PSAC Atlantic