John Williamson Member of Parliament 120 Milltown Blvd. St. Stephen, NB, E3L 1G6

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Dear Mr. Williamson,

I am writing to you today following a mail-out that was sent on your behalf to constituents of the NB Southwest riding. I've received numerous e-mails and phone calls from PSAC members who reside in your riding expressing their anger over the 'ten percenter' they received in their mailbox.

I am shocked that you would use taxpayer's money to send out misinformation and attack civil servants. Let's set the record straight, public sector workers do not abuse sick days; statistics Canada data and reports from the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) conclude that federal employees do not take more sick days than workers in the private sector (most federal workers take between 0 to 8 days in sick leave per year, not 18). These are actual facts and they speak for themselves.

Public services are essential and I encourage you and your government to stop the cuts on public services and the attack on our members who deliver those essential services. Public services are essential services whether they are food inspection, search and rescue, protection of the environment, Old Age Security, assistance to veterans, Employment Insurance, transport security or border services. We urge you stop cutting public services and consult Canadians on the services they depend on.

Please advise when it would be a good time for myself and PSAC members who reside in your riding to meet with you and explain the valuable services we deliver to Canadians on a daily basis. You can reach me at 1.888.808.5544 or by e-mail at baldwij@psac-afpc.com

We are looking forward to meeting you,

Jeannie Baldwin

Regional Executive Vice-President, PSAC Atlantic