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To: BC Labour Councils

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

**Re: Licenced Practical Nurse issue - HEU/BCGEU and BCNU**

I am aware that your Labour Council has received correspondence on the LPN issue from the Hospital Employees Union - dated July 16, 2004 - and that you may have also been in receipt of various e-mails/letters on the same matter. A formal complaint has also been filed with the CLC by CUPE and NUPGE.

I would like to advise that a meeting between the BC unions was held by the CLC on August 11<sup>th</sup>, following a meeting of the National affiliates held previously. At the national meeting, the affiliates agreed to refrain from public comment on the issue and that they would try to work out a solution to the matter in BC. This agreement was made after the July 16<sup>th</sup> letter had been mailed to your Labour Council, and I believe that the affiliates have honoured it.

Accordingly, I would ask that your Labour Council allow us to try to find that solution without complicating the issue by discussing it on the floor of your Council. I know that it is an emotional issue for many members, but any acrimonious debate at the Labour Council level can easily be considered "public comment," especially if the media are present or otherwise report on your meeting.

Thanks for your assistance in this difficult matter

In Solidarity,

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