

What's wrong with privatizing health care laundry?

#1

Patient care is at risk with privatization.

Privatizing health care laundry services will make it more difficult to respond quickly and effectively to infectious outbreaks. Health regions lose direct control over laundry.

#2

Local economies will suffer.

Smaller communities such as Prince Albert, Yorkton, Weyburn and Moose Jaw will lose hundreds of good paying jobs when their laundry facilities close. In Prince Albert, approximately 100 jobs with an annual payroll of almost \$2.7 million will be cut, devastating the local economy and families.

#3

Fair wages will be replaced with poverty wages.

Overall, there will be a loss of employment income to laundry workers. K-Bro Linens pays wages barely above minimum wage. In K-Bro's laundry facilities in Alberta, wages are so low they have to hire temporary foreign workers to fill positions.

#4

Taxpayers' money will be funneled out of province into K-Bro's profits.

In 2011, K-Bro Linens' revenues were \$116.9 million and it paid \$7.1 million in dividends to its shareholders. Its President and CEO Linda J. McCurdy's total compensation in 2011 was over \$1.2 million. Public dollars should not be used to pad the profits of private corporations.

#5

Privatization means less public accountability.

Private corporations are accountable to their shareholders, not to the public. K-Bro has fought against any disclosure of its contracts with health regions in other provinces and will likely not release its contract with Saskatchewan. The public deserves to know how tax dollars are being spent.

See over for what you can do to keep good jobs in your community.

In May of this year, the provincial government announced its plan to privatize health care laundry. As a result, six non-profit laundry facilities will be closed in communities across Saskatchewan within two years, and laundry services will be handed over to a for-profit, Alberta based corporation – K-Bro Linens.

**Stop the
privatization
of
health care
laundry.**

Contact your MLA now!

Tell your MLA you oppose the privatization
of health care laundry.

***Let's keep health care laundry
in public hands!***

Clean, green and local.



**Privatizing
health care
laundry:**

Local jobs and
communities sacrificed
for private profit