

# Petition against Saskatchewan health care laundry privatization

*To the Honourable Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in legislature assembled:*

*The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly sheweth:*

That in May 2013, the Government of Saskatchewan announced its plan to privatize health care laundry in Saskatchewan handing it over to a for-profit, Alberta-based corporation: K-Bro Linens;

That as a result of the decision to privatize health care laundry, six non-profit, public health care laundry facilities will be closed within two years in the communities of Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Yorkton, Weyburn, Regina and Saskatoon;

That the privatization of health care laundry will mean the loss of over 300 good-paying jobs, devastating local economies and families;

That the privatization of health care laundry will take money out of Saskatchewan's health care system to, instead, be used to boost the profits of an Alberta-based corporation;

That the privatization of health care laundry will put patient care at risk as health regions lose direct control over health care laundry services; and,

That the privatization of health care laundry will mean that fair wage jobs will be replaced with poverty wages and public accountability will be lost.

**Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Legislative Assembly be pleased to cause the government to reverse the misguided decision to privatize Saskatchewan's health care laundry which will result in the devastating loss of over 300 jobs in the communities of Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Yorkton, Weyburn, Regina and Saskatoon; and, moreover, the privatization of health care laundry will misuse vital taxpayer dollars by taking money out of Saskatchewan's health care system to boost the profits of an Alberta-based corporation; and, furthermore, the privatization of health care laundry will put patient care at risk as Saskatchewan's health regions lose direct control over laundry and thereby will have a significantly reduced ability to quickly and effectively respond to infectious outbreaks in health care facilities.**

**And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.**

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