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**TO ALL CUPE MEMBERS**

**National Nursing Week, May 7 to 13, 2018**

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

We are writing to wish you a very happy National Nursing Week 2018. This week, we celebrate nursing team members' excellent work and dedication that strengthens Canada's public health care system.

Canada's health care system depends on the commitment and work of registered practical nurses (RPNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and registered nurses (RNs) working in hospitals, long-term care institutions, community organizations and in patients' homes. This week, CUPE pays tribute to the tens of thousands of quality nurses in Canada that CUPE represents.

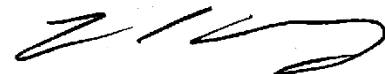
More than 35 million Canadians rely on our health care system. The work of CUPE nurses, however, is often hampered by inadequate public health care funding, privatization, P3s, contracting out, and a lack of managers' commitment to proper health and safety and an end to workplace violence. Overall, CUPE nurses demand respect and safe working conditions. Nurses want full utilization of trained skills, proper staffing levels, fair compensation, and team nursing. Patients and families want better access to services. Public health care delivery, free of privatization and properly funded, can enable this.

Once again, we thank CUPE nurses for all your hard work and dedication. Happy nursing week and together we will continue to campaign for quality public health care for all!

In solidarity,



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