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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Thank you for your email regarding the impacts the cost of living is having on health-care workers in Saskatchewan. I appreciate being informed of your concerns and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

As you may be aware, on March 20, 2024, our government announced the 2024-25 Budget that includes no new taxes and no increase in existing ones. We continue to keep Saskatchewan an affordable place to live by delivering more than \$2 billion in previously announced tax reductions and other affordability measures, as well as removing the federal carbon tax on home heating. Saskatchewan is one of the most affordable places in Canada to live, work and raise a family.

Employee wages and benefits are determined at the bargaining table between unions and employers. We respect the collective bargaining process that determines salary and benefits for employees. We understand that the last collective bargaining agreement for CUPE employees included wage increases in 2020, 2021 and 2022. For any comments or concerns regarding the negotiation of wages and benefits, we encourage employees to contact their union as they are in the best position to assist them.

Our government remains committed to building and supporting a sustainable and responsive health system today and into the future. We appreciate and value the work, contributions and dedication of health-care professionals who are providing services to Saskatchewan residents.

Sincerely,



Everett Hindley
Minister of Health