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Hon. Scott Moe  
Premier and President of the Executive Council  
Room 226, 2405 Legislative Drive  
Regina, SK  
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Dear Premier Moe:

**Request for the Government of Saskatchewan to conduct a Public Inquiry into the COVID-19 outbreak at Extendicare Parkside Special Care Home**

On November 20, 2020, the Extendicare Parkside Special Care Home (“Extendicare Parkside”) was declared to be in a COVID-19 outbreak. As a result of COVID-19 transmission almost all Extendicare Parkside residents and staff contracted COVID-19, and at least 40 Extendicare Parkside residents have died.

Further, there is ongoing and continued risk to the health and safety of Saskatchewan residents from COVID-19 and particularly, to residents of Special Care Homes/Long Term Care Homes and Personal Care Homes which may be averted through the findings of a Public Inquiry into the COVID-19 Outbreak at Extendicare Parkside.

In light of this, the **Saskatchewan Union of Nurses** calls upon the government of Saskatchewan to conduct a Public Inquiry into the COVID-19 Outbreak at Extendicare Parkside addressing issues including, but not limited to:

- i) How COVID-19 first came into Extendicare Parkside?
- ii) How COVID-19 transmission occurred so quickly and spread so broadly in Extendicare Parkside?
- iii) What measures could have been taken to have avoided, or lessened the devastating effects of COVID-19 on the residents of Extendicare Parkside?
- iv) What preventative measures should be implemented at Extendicare Parkside and in all other similar facilities to prevent a similar devastating outbreak and to limit loss of life?

These events, and the surrounding circumstances, must be taken seriously not only for the patients and families affected but for current and future residents who may find themselves in a similar situation. We share your commitment to the vital importance of protecting seniors and the most vulnerable in our province, and as such, we implore you to take action for those who have suffered and to prevent any further tragedy from occurring.

Respectfully submitted,

**Saskatchewan Union of Nurses**



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Tracy Zambory RN, President

cc Hon. Paul Merriman, Minister of Health  
Hon. Everett Hindley, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health