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Dear CUPE/OCHU Registered Practical Nurse:

We are writing to you today to thank you for your valuable contribution as RPNs to our health care system. RPNs warrant congratulations and admiration for the compassion and care you bring to Ontario's health care team.

CUPE and OCHU are proud to have been representing RPNs in negotiations for professional practice development, appropriate compensation, and safe working conditions for RPNs, as an independent voice, since 1963.

Registered Practical Nurses keep the pulse of Canada's health care system strong! Every day, RPNs professionally and skillfully perform assessments, initiate treatments and therapy, and provide health care teaching in numerous challenging settings such as operating and emergency rooms, acute and complex continuing care, clinics, Alzheimer's units, and palliative care, just to name a few.

Your clinical skills and professionalism are matched only by the empathy, compassion, and commitment to quality care that you bring to your patients every day.

Together, CUPE and OCHU are proud to represent thousands of RPNs. We look forward to working together with you to advance the profession of RPNs for a long time to come.

Once again, thank you for all of your great work, and Happy Nursing/Long Term Care Week!

In solidarity,



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