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SUN ISSUES A CHARTER CHALLENGE

<<Regina>> Today, the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN) has filed a Statement of Claim in the Queen's Bench Judicial Centre of Regina, alleging The Public Service Essential Services Act is unconstitutional, in violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and cannot be justified. SUN is requesting the Court of Queen's Bench declare the impugned portions of the Act violate SUN members' Freedom of Association, as guaranteed pursuant to s. 2(d) of the Charter and are therefore of no force and effect.

SUN President, Rosalee Longmoore, states: "SUN members have always developed extensive and detailed emergency services plans, without being compelled by law to do so."

The claim states there has not been true consultation with stakeholders. If there had been, the Defendant (Government of Saskatchewan) would realize that such broad legislative changes are unnecessary. The legislation effectively removes the right of SUN members to bargain freely and, if need be, withdraw their services to support collective bargaining.

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