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Subject: Pandemic Pay

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of many healthcare workers who believe they aren't being recognized properly during Covid-19. Doug Ford released a pandemic pay list of essential workers and unfortunately left many off the list, myself included as a clerk. I work on an inpatient unit at St Joseph's Healthcare alongside those deemed worthy of the pandemic pay. For as long as I have worked in healthcare (almost 19 years) it has been bred into us that we are a team, that the hospital will not function properly without each role playing their part. With the pandemic pay listing leaving many of us out of the essential group, this lesson we have held so dear has been turned into hostility and frustration among those left out. We come to work and put ourselves at risk daily, just like the job titles being compensated and recognized.

If there is anything you can suggest to help those of us who are essential enough to come to work daily to work directly with patients, nurses and physicians but not essential enough to warrant the same pay and recognition as fellow colleagues please let me know. It would be greatly appreciated. I realize that this is a provincial decision and you do not have a direct say in who gets the pandemic pay but it has been recommended that I ask for this topic to be added to the official Council agenda for discussion.

Thank you for your time.

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