



September 15th, 2017

Dennis Davies, Hotel General Manager
Sheraton Hotel NL
115 Cavendish Square
St. John's, NL
A1C 3K2

Dear Mr. Davies,

As Regional Executive Vice-President of PSAC-Atlantic, I was advised by some of our members that you asked them to vacate the premises when they held a peaceful demonstration at your hotel on Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Many of our members who are employed by the Government of Canada are not getting paid on time and accurately due to the Phoenix Pay System. At every opportunity we get, we remind the elected officials such as the Prime Minister and his Cabinet that they need to fix the Phoenix Pay System because every worker deserves to get paid accurately and on time.

I have to say that I was extremely disappointed to learn that you asked our members to leave the premises even though they were being lawful and demonstrating in a safe manner. The fact that it was you and not the representatives of the government that made such request really baffled me. This is not the first time we have protested and we certainly know how to conduct ourselves and ensure everyone is safe.

We have used your facilities on many occasions and we certainly want to continue using them but at the end of the day, we expect that our members would be respected and their rights to demonstrate would also be honoured, keeping in mind that we have always done so in a safe and lawful way.

It is my hopes that this type of situation doesn't occur again.

Sincerely,

Colleen Coffey
Regional Executive Vice-President, PSAC-Atlantic

CC. Debbie McLaughlin, Regional Coordinator, PSAC-Atlantic
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