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Your SEIU-WEST, CUPE and SGEU bargaining coalition met on May 22 and 23rd in Saskatoon with SAHO.

The overall theme of this session is disappointment. SAHO and the Government of Saskatchewan are focused on concessions within the Extended Health and Dental plan for health care providers, and your Unions are not interested in allowing concessions in any form.

During a week when the Government of Saskatchewan has given a 3.5% wage increase to elected politicians and provided additional funding for legislative secretaries, we believe it is morally and strategically questionable that they would be coming after health benefits for health care workers!

Our members' stance of **No Cuts, No Roll Backs and No Concessions** continues to provide direction to your bargaining committees. We maintain the position that health care providers should be treated with respect and paid what we are worth.

Wage discussions have been deferred at this point. While we seem to be close on some issues, outstanding items are the surplus and continued funding of our Extended Health and Dental Plan and workload language. The unions support each other by proposing each union have similar language regarding workload. As we all know workload is a systemic issue within the health care system.

Future dates to continue negotiations are being confirmed. We strongly encourage all of our members to contact their elected MLA to voice their support for the bargaining team and a fair and equitable collective agreement. Your unwavering support is what drives us.

In Solidarity,

SEIU-West, CUPE and SGEU