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Dear

Please take seriously the circumstances which led Halifax Resident, Shannon Nickerson, to begin a hunger strike on Sept 23. She is seeking a public inquiry into our systems of representation for unionized Canadians who experience discrimination, bullying, and abusive treatment in the workplace. I support her in that goal, and I ask that you do as well.

Shannon's story, outlined on the website, [smallfrybigmission.ca](http://smallfrybigmission.ca), describes a system that offers statistically little to no chance for workers to get real help when their union officials fail to represent them in cases where they have been discriminated against, harassed, and abused in the places they work. Lack of transparency and public accountability create an environment where abuse can go unchecked, and become acceptable.

We expect our children to understand that bullying is harmful and wrong. We should expect at least as much from our adults. We do not want our future generations entering into these failing systems.

This call for a public examination of our current processes, and a public discussion of how they can be improved in order to better protect our current and future Canadian workers, is not unreasonable. Please do the right thing.

Yours sincerely,