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MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

We are continuing to press the Minister to meet with the union to discuss the Rehab contract and the Case Manager's concerns. So far, he has not even acknowledged our requests. But we are not giving up. We have written to the Minister again and this time we are inviting him to a public discussion with Case Managers. We have booked a meeting room in Charlottetown for October 6 and we are arranging for a number of Case Managers from around the country to come and speak directly to the Minister. We hope he comes but if not, we will make our case to the public. Our members and our Veterans deserve better.

Virginia Vaillancourt



Virginia Vaillancourt is the national president of the Union of Veterans' Affairs Employees.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UNION CHALLENGES MINISTER TO MEET WITH CASE MANAGERS

The Union of Veterans' Affairs Employees is calling on Veterans Affairs Minister Lawrence MacAulay to meet with his employees, Case Managers at the department, to hear their concerns about the new \$570 million dollar rehab contract. In particular, they are worried about the impact of this contract on Veterans and on their relationship with Case Managers. Despite several letters to the Minister, he has yet to respond directly to any of the Union's requests to meet and discuss these concerns. That is why the Union has arranged for a public meeting space in Charlottetown on September 27 and invited the Minister to meet with a group of Case Managers from across the country.

"We want to have a public discussion with the Minister about this contract and the impact on Veterans and his own employees," said Virginia Vaillancourt, National President of the Union of Veterans' Affairs Employees. "He can hear firsthand from Case Managers who feel that service to Veterans will suffer and give him an opportunity to respond."

The meeting will be held at The Holman Grand Hotel on September 27 from 4:30-6:00 pm AST and is open to the public and media. The Minister is invited to make an opening statement and will be given an opportunity to respond to any issues and concerns raised by Case Managers. The audience will also have the chance to ask both the Minister and the Union any questions after the presentations.

"We have been waiting for answers for months now, said Vaillancourt. "It's past time for the Minister to come to the table. Veterans and his own employees deserve answers." Attached is a copy of the letter to Minister MacAulay. For further information and to arrange media interviews please contact:

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LETTER TO MINISTER LAWRENCE MACAULAY

Dear Minister MacAulay,

Case Managers at your department continue to be concerned about the impact of the new Rehab contract on their work and the services that Veterans receive. We have written to you on a number of occasions to express these concerns, but you have not directly responded. Instead, you have relied on departmental officials to communicate on your behalf. Those responses have not adequately addressed Case Managers' concerns and as we are moving closer to the full implementation of this contract, we want to give you another opportunity to meet with us and respond. To that end, we want to invite you to discuss these issues and concerns in a public forum. We will bring a number of Case Managers so that you can directly hear from them and offer them substantive answers to their concerns. We have secured a space in Charlottetown on September 27, 2022, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm AST and invite you and any departmental officials you wish to attend. We are also in the process of engaging an independent moderator to help facilitate this discussion and hope that you will agree to this request. We would also request that you respond as quickly as possible to this request.

Sincerely,

Virginia Vaillancourt
National President

CASE MANAGER TOWN HALLS

In addition to the public meeting in Charlottetown on October 6, UVAE will be scheduling two video town halls for Case Managers, one for Eastern Canada including Quebec with simultaneous translation. And one for Western Canada. The digital Town Halls will be held on October 13 and 14 and are open to all Case Managers. This will be an opportunity for UVAE to give an update on the campaign and for Case Managers to ask questions and provide their feedback. More information will be available soon.



East | October 13 | 17h30 - 19 EST
<https://bit.ly/3Upr3FA>

West | October 14 | 17h30 - 19 PST
<https://bit.ly/3RVd3lf>

