

Honorable Robert W.J. Ghiz  
Premier of Prince Edward Island  
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Dear Premier Ghiz:

The Canadian Union of Public Employees is Canada's largest union, representing more than 600,000 public sector members working in virtually every community across the country.

On Prince Edward Island, CUPE proudly represents over 2,400 working women and men in numerous worksites across the Province. Our members work on the front lines of our communities. They are tax-paying citizens and users of our public services in the Province. More importantly, they are proud of the role that they play in delivering public services to the people of Prince Edward Island in health care, education, municipalities, University of PEI, Island EMS, Nursing and Group Homes.

On behalf of the members of CUPE Prince Edward Island I want to inform you that the members are appalled and disappointed with your Government's decision to privatize the redevelopment of the Senior Citizens Complex at Charlotte Court in Charlottetown by entering into a full scale Public Private Partnership (P3) model with Killam Properties to build, own and operate Charlotte Court.

P3's are a form of privatization that moves control of public assets and services to the private sector. We know from vast experience in this Province, in this country and around the world, that Public Private Partnerships are not good investments and cost more for taxpayers and reduce services.

Study after study and experience after experience have shown that Public-Private Partnerships cost the public more, make public institutions less able to manage public initiatives themselves and reduce flexibility, transparency and accountability of Governments. Provincial projects are most effectively and efficiently done when they are funded from public funds, owned and operated by the Province. It is the Provincial Government's responsibility to provide Islanders with the public facilities and services that most effectively and efficiently service the citizens of PEI.

CUPE members and their families support efforts to enhance Public Services. Islanders should come first before the Profitability of the Private Sector.

Sincerely,

Milo Murray  
President  
CUPE PEI Division Executive

c.c. Honorable Wes Sheridan and Honorable Janice Sherry