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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter dated Jan. 20 re Lions Gate. My sympathies are entirely with you and your co workers.

I believe by now, most of us have become aware of the serious shortcomings which have developed as a result of the corporate agenda carried out by the Campbell Government at the expense of the people who have built this country and have transformed it from a wilderness to a modern society.

I am not overly impressed by the statements of lack of money. After reading the "Politics of Public Spending in Canada", published by the University of Toronto Press, at the urging of Preston Manning, one time leader of the Reform Party, I simply know too much to accept this as gospel truth. As it is, the rich are still getting richer and the poor poorer. Canadians are working harder than ever and they are more productive than ever so why are our standards deteriorating?

The recent demonstration of the Lions Gate Hospital Employees and Seniors in front of Council were the first meaningful steps in enlisting the help of local government on the side of North Shore residents.

Needless to say the struggle has just begun. The public's message should be transmitted to Victoria and Ottawa in the strongest possible manner. But this can only be done by the people, first and foremost by the employees of the Hospital themselves. My advice is to continue to press local government to act on your behalf. After all, we are the government closest to the people and this is OUR Hospital.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist