

## Bargaining Update: Launching Online Campaign, Second Mediation Date Set

Dear CUPE member,

As we advised in our last update of August 2nd, the date for Essential Services mediation with the Labour Board has been scheduled for August 21st. We have now confirmed that if mediation does not resolve the matter, the Board will hold a hearing on September 1st, and will issue a decision after that date.

In the interim, we are launching an online campaign that will allow you and your colleagues in the Health Administrative Professionals bargaining unit to send a message directly to our political leaders and your bosses, telling them how their refusal to negotiate a fair collective agreement has affected you.

Please take a few moments to fill out this online form. The letter is designed to be customizable: you can just fill in the blanks or write your own. Talk about the work you do, and how that work keeps our hospitals running smoothly. Talk about how you feel about work, and how the employer's approach to bargaining has made you feel. Talk about the issues you have living on the wages you currently earn. **Please remember, copies of this letter will go to your employer, so please do not divulge any sensitive information, and keep your message professional**.

You can participate by visiting this link: <u>https://8920.cupe.ca/AP-send-a-message-to-your-employer-politicians</u>

We appreciate your ongoing patience and solidarity as we navigate this difficult round of bargaining together.