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FREDERICTON-FOR RELEASE AFTER 10 AM--The New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes is pleased to announce that a tentative agreement with the forty-six nursing homes has been ratified by all of the nursing homes. This is an important announcement as it guarantees continuity in the workforce for the coming years.

Nursing homes are dependent upon the Province of New Brunswick for approximately eighty-five percent of their funding. The government's commitment to our sector is an extremely important element in assuring people receiving care, as well as their families, that they will continue to receive the quality of care they deserve.

The Government has demonstrated a strong commitment to our sector and the people who receive long term care over the course of their mandate and we are grateful for their recognition of the needs of our residents.

This contract allows our workers to receive parity with those employed in the hospital sector. This is an important element in attracting and keeping workers within the nursing homes and we see this as recognition for the hard work and dedicated service provided by our employees.

We also feel it important to recognize the dedication of our employees who are represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees. Despite the fact we were in protracted negotiations, our CUPE locals continued their service in the same professional manner we are accustomed to having. We believe their level of service is indicative of their dedication to the people they serve.

We look forward to working together in harmony over the course of the contract.