The Importance of the Ontario Nurses’ Association for Nurses - Chanpreet Sandhu

Every day since the pandemic, my mother has worked tirelessly to help combat the battle against Covid-19. I watched as she rose to the occasion to take charge as a team leader. She stood at the front lines of battle each day as the ICU beds were packed with COVID patients. With a shortage of personal protective equipment and ICU beds at maximum capacity, the knowledge of my mother going to work filled me with anxiety. She took all measures to help save the lives of others, but who will protect her's? It is unions like ONA that take proactive steps to ensure the safety of my mother. ONA stands with my mother so she can continue to deliver high-quality care with the knowledge that her voice is being heard. The union took affirmative action to establish new measures during the pandemic to guarantee the protection of nurses across Ontario.

ONA represents over 68,000 registered nurses and health care professionals. They advocate for their members by creating a space for dialogue in the workforce and at the provincial level. They are committed to producing optimal working conditions and equitable wages. Bill 124 is a prime example of the dedication ONA has for their members. They worked tirelessly to highlight nurses’ frustration through swift action, holding their ground and persisting Premier Doug Ford. They remain steadfast on the belief that registered nurses, nurse practitioners and healthcare professionals deserve to be recognized and rewarded.

ONA takes action through public awareness, affirmative action and collective agreements. They successfully bargain on behalf of their employees to secure fair working hours, wages and health benefits. ONA enhances working conditions for their members by pushing for the health and safety of nurses, like my mother, across Ontario.