The Importance of the Ontario Nurses’ Association (ONA) for Nurses and/or Health Care Professionals

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Here in Ontario, we are all aware of what a monumental year this past year has been. We have witnessed Front Line Workers from all over the Province, Canada, and the World, come together in an exceptional time of need. Not only has the world gained a new appreciation for Nurses and Allied Health Professionals but also for the Unions who continue to strive for their well-being and support.

Since 1973, the Ontario Nurses’ Association (ONA) has always been instrumental in providing support for their members. This includes educating their members and associates, striving for equality and advocating for human rights. However, what makes ONA stand out is their push for progress. Historically as well as currently, ONA has strived for progress. I cannot wait to see what this looks like for the future of nursing and/or health care professionals. Progress in any measure is forward momentum. I hope this momentum includes the continuous need for equality, high-quality patient care, advocating against Government cutbacks, supporting the mental and physical well-being of all those effected by workplace trauma as well as the COVID-19 pandemic as well as promoting a healthy work-life balance.

ONA holds a massive responsibility and commitment to its members. This makes ONA a critical support network for Nurses and Health Care Professionals. Without whom, the world of Nursing would be in a much different state. Thank you ONA.