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Ms. Yolaine Charette
General Manager
Sheraton Ottawa Hotel
150 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5G2

Dear Ms. Charette:

The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) represents 48,000 workers in the National Capital Region, and we are writing to you in solidarity with the UNITE HERE Local 261 unionized workers at the Sheraton Ottawa Hotel. We ask that you act immediately to stop the termination of workers and guarantee that they can return to their jobs once business returns by extending recall rights.

It has come to our attention that, as of today, the Sheraton Ottawa Hotel and its' ownership group, Keck Seng Investments, has disappointingly chosen not to extend the recall rights of workers, but to begin terminations as early as this week.

This will only cause long-standing workers who are already suffering financial losses to lose even more. We do not condone the disposal of workers who have brought decades of economic gain to this hotel.

We urge you to reconsider your decision and extend the recall period for your workers as the majority of unionized employers in Ottawa have already done.

If steps are not taken to ensure jobs are protected by extending recall, we will not support your hotel when conditions improve and restrictions on travel activity ease.

As you know, PSAC-NCR has held large events at the Sheraton Ottawa Hotel in the past. If this issue is not rectified, we will look to send our business to other venues who treat their employees with a higher degree of respect and compassion, especially in the middle of a public health crisis.

Sincerely,

Alex Silas
Regional Executive Vice-President
PSAC-NCR