



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

# NEWSLETTER

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## Act now for cleaner, safer hospitals

*HEU asks public to send letters to B.C.'s health minister calling on government to ensure their hospital contractors provide the wages and working conditions needed for clean, safe hospitals*

The B.C. government has hired private contractors to clean our hospitals and provide food to patients. But these contractors pay low wages, creating huge staffing shortages and high turnover.

Housekeepers and dietary workers aren't getting the training they need. And they don't have enough supplies and equipment to keep our hospitals clean and safe.

The provincial government needs to take steps to ensure these contractors provide family-supporting wages and keep our hospitals safe and clean. And they need to hear from you.

Living wage successes in the United Kingdom and in hundreds of U.S. cities were achieved because of people like you who took a few minutes to speak out for healthier communities, stronger local economies, and quality services.

Send your message today <[http://www.heu.org/mail\\_form/](http://www.heu.org/mail_form/)>, and check out our website <<http://www.bclivingwage.org/>> to see our TV ad and hear stories from four workers who describe what a living wage would mean to them.

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