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### NSGEU Backs Call for Caution on Alcohol Sales Expansion

The Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union (NSGEU), representing retail staff, store managers, warehouse and head office workers at the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC), is adding its voice to the growing call for a cautious and responsible approach to the proposed expansion of alcohol sales in Nova Scotia.

The NSGEU stands with the Nova Scotia Alcohol Policy Coalition and its affiliate partners, including the Canadian Cancer Society, in urging the government to prioritize public health and safety over convenience and increased private profits. We recognize the important role the NSLC plays in the responsible sale of beverage alcohol and share concerns that expanding sales to locations less equipped for oversight will lead to increased harm.

“Our members at the NSLC are committed to the NSLC’s social responsibility mandate,” says Sandra Mullen, President of the NSGEU. “We support the call for a comprehensive public consultation to fully understand the potential risks to communities across Nova Scotia.”

The NSGEU echoes the concerns raised in the Nova Scotia Alcohol Policy Coalition’s open letter to Premier Houston and the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly. Specifically, the union highlights the potential for:

- Increased health harms, including alcohol-related deaths and hospital

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