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To whom it may concern:

The Faculty Association of the University of St. Thomas (FAUST) demands that Premier Blaine Higgs' government fund abortion services at Clinic 554 in Fredericton. Clinic 554 is the only clinic in the province that provides out-of-hospital abortions and one of the only providers of specialty LBGTQ2+ care. Jerry Dias, the National President of UNIFOR notes that "This closure leaves thousands of people without a family doctor, access to specialized LGBTQ care, and essential women's health services." (<https://www.unifor.org/en/whats-new/press-room/unifor-calls-closure-clinic-554-higgs-failure-protect-new-brunswickers> ). STU students, faculty and members rely on Clinic 554 for health care. The Clinic has made a positive impact on the lives of many of our students.

Moreover, in refusing to support these essential services, the provincial government has made a mockery of the Canada Health Act, which states that there must be 'reasonable' access to publicly-funded services.

In the interests of social justice, we demand that the New Brunswick government stop making political capital at the expense of the province's most vulnerable residents. Please fund Clinic 554 for the benefit of all New Brunswickers!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gül Çalışkan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gül Çalışkan President,

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