I have been a Registered Nurse at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital since 2019 and have been actively involved with ONA for the past three years. During this time, I have had the privilege of holding the position of 2 South Unit Representative and, more recently, taking on the role of Interim Bargaining Unit President in May 2026.

Over the past three years, I have become increasingly passionate about union advocacy and standing up for my fellow nurses. Through my involvement, I have gained a better understanding of the challenges our members face and the importance of having someone they can turn to for support and representation. I strive to be someone members feel comfortable approaching, whether they have a question, need guidance, or simply need someone to listen. I strongly believe every member deserves to feel heard, respected, and supported.

In these roles, I have had the opportunity to navigate workplace concerns, advocate for members, and work toward real solutions. I recognize that change takes time, persistence, and determination. While I cannot promise that every issue will have an immediate resolution, I can promise to continue advocating for our members and challenging decisions that compromise fairness, safe working conditions, or our collective agreement rights.

I would appreciate your consideration for the various union positions I am running for. I am excited about the opportunity to continue supporting our members, standing up for their rights, and making a positive difference in our workplace.

Thank you for your consideration,

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