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Re: Online Survey regarding public service work under austerity government in Manitoba.

Hello.

My name is Jesse Hajer, and I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and Labour Studies Program at the University of Manitoba. I am currently leading a research study with Ian Hudson (Professor of Economics), and Jennifer Keith, (PhD student, Department of Indigenous Studies) on the impact of the austerity agenda implemented by the Government of Manitoba. We are partnering with several public sector unions and over two dozen Manitoba academics on this project.

We seek to document opinions, experiences, and perspectives on the impact of provincial government austerity on public services and programs and work conditions for public sector workers, including those delivering public services through non-profit and organizations with government funding. By austerity, we mean expenditure and staffing cuts and restraints, as well as privatization and contracting out.

We are conducting a survey of public service workers (including those working in the non-profit sector delivering public services with provincial government funding) to gather information for this project. The survey is an opportunity for your experiences, expertise and opinions to be part of the study. The survey will take about 20 minutes and will be confidential.

Our research aims to be useful and of interest to public sector workers, and a resource to educate and share knowledge with decision makers and Manitobans more broadly. We plan to publish our work as a book and a series of one-page “Fast Facts” through the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Manitoba website and other media. For more details on the project and who is involved, see:

<https://mra-mb.ca/austerity-in-manitoba/>

If you are available and interested in completing the survey, please email me at jesse.hajer@umanitoba.ca and a link to a survey will be provided.

Participation is completely voluntary and we have taken steps to minimize any risks related to confidentiality concerns (see survey for details).

If you have any questions about the research, I would be happy to answer them.

Thank you for your time.

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