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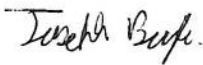


Dear Mr Gill,

My letter concerns the implementation of the Northern Ireland Public Services Assembly Ombudsperson Bill. (NIA47/11-16) This piece of legislation is being proposed by the office of OFMDFM. In particular section 20 of the legislation will prohibit the existing right of public sector employees to bring their complaints to the Assembly Ombudsman's Office in the cases of employment disputes. It has been stated in Belfast Telegraph that other avenues for this type of dispute resolution are available.

This is **not** the case, as I can so testify; I would ask that this bill does not receive assembly approval unless this clause is amended. Every avenue for highlighting issues in our public sector should be kept open and strengthened not curtailed.

Yours sincerely



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