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Honourable Senator Art Eggleton
Chair, Subcommittee on Cities
Chair, Standing Senate Committee – Social Affairs, Science and Technology
Honourable Members of the Subcommittee on Cities
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A4

## Dear Honourable Eggleton:

The B.C. Federation of Labour is writing this letter to you in support of the recommendation for the formation of a dedicated committee to review the "Service and Effect of Worker Compensation Schemes in Canada".

This recommendation was made by Darrell Powell in testimony before the Committee on June 18, 2009. The terms of reference were "Disabled Worker Poverty in Canada", part of Issue 5.

The Federation recently met with Mr. Powell and were brought up to speed on this matter. In the interest of improving the health and welfare of Canadian workers, the Federation would support the subcommittee to examine the impact of the workers compensation systems on injured workers and their families. Legislative changes to the compensation system in BC have severely restricted the compensation available to injured workers.

The British Columbia Federation of Labour represents 400,000 workers and is a member of the Canadian Labour Congress.

Sincerely,

JIM SINCLAIR President

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