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The Union of Caring Professionals

VIA FAX

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Worksafe BC
Prevention Policy and Regulation Review
Fax: 279-7599

Re: Regulation Review 2006

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of the Health Sciences Association of BC, a healthcare union of some 13,000 professionals.

We are writing in endorsement of the submission made by the BC Federation of Labour to the current Regulation Review Process. We participate in the provincial OH&S Committee of the Federation and are very aware of the impact of the proposals.

In particular, we have made submissions during earlier consultation regarding amendments to Part 6.36. Our position on this matter remains that:

- a) All medical sharps should be covered, not just vascular needles. Exposures are very common in the usage of other sharps. One example is the administration of psychotropic or sedative-type medication to distraught mental patients.
- b) The term "healthcare workplace" is limiting. The criteria should be any area where the work requires such devices.
- c) Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees should be designated as participants in the selection of appropriate devices.

Yours truly,

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