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Prevention Policy & Regulation Review Department
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To Whom it may concern

We vigorously support the safety training of new employees, young workers and those taking on a new task for the first time. We also feel that the documentation of this training is an important step in insuring that the right training is reaching the right employees and that we as the employer have proof of this.

The new training that is being proposed in these amendments is felt by us to be damaging to our business and to the apprenticeship training program.

If these new regulations are accepted it would adversely affect the bottom line of the company. In that we would not only lose the use of the employee during these training periods but with a company of our size, we would have to hire a new employee to coordinate and provide the training.

We feel that it would damage the apprenticeship program in that it would be likely more cost effective to not hire apprentices. (Please understand that as it is you do not make money off apprentices). This of course in turn would affect the number of apprentices being trained. At this point we need all the apprentices we have in training in BC and then some, to fill the upcoming requirements for journeymen. We feel that these proposed amendments will be extremely detrimental to the industry and the youth that hopes to enter it. We are trying to train apprentices as quickly as possible throughout the construction industry and we feel this move is likely to put a major damper on these efforts.

With this in mind we strongly appose these proposed amendments.

Thank you for you time.

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Pease accept the attached letter as our submission to these proposed changes.
Thank you

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