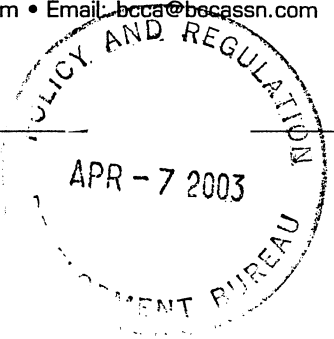




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Policy & Regulation Development Bureau  
Workers' Compensation Board of B.C.  
P.O. Box 5350, Station Terminal  
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Attention: Mr. David Young, Policy Director

Re: Regulation Changes

Dear Mr. Young,

The BC Construction Association represents over 1700 corporate members from across the province, active in all sectors of the construction industry.

We are writing today to express our support of your current initiative to review WCB regulations. The construction industry, like many others in BC, struggles daily with an overwhelming burden of regulation. With most construction businesses being small, it is increasingly difficult to stay abreast of changing regulations, and still maintain an adequate profit margin. It is one of the reasons that companies feel the need to leave BC for less onerous business climates in other jurisdictions, and certainly it discourages new companies from relocating to BC. WCB regulation in particular is often cited by our members as being far too complicated and onerous. We are, therefore, very pleased to see the necessary steps towards reform being taken.

Specifically, we are strongly supportive of eliminating unnecessary duplication within the regulations, as it will help to streamline and reduce the red tape.

In addition we would support your intent to use standards developed by other agencies with the proviso that such use be tempered by the recommendations being put forward by the Council of Construction Associations (COCA).

Finally, we would strongly support the move towards performance based regulation. Our members would welcome a more flexible system, which

would make allowances for the many different environments and situations that arise within the construction industry.

The construction industry brings considerable investment into this province every year, and we appreciate your efforts to develop a regulatory environment that can address the needs of employers while maintaining the requirements of a healthy and safe workplace.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abigail Fulton', written in a cursive style.

Abigail Fulton  
Acting President

pc: Honourable Graham Bruce  
Minister of Skills Development and Labour