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Mr. David Anderson
President and CEO
WorkSafe BC
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Dear Mr. Anderson,

We write you today in your capacity as President and CEO of WorkSafe BC.

7-Eleven has just now been advised of a WorkSafe BC consultation process that could result in significant impact to our 145 stores in the province. Thankfully, our membership in the Western Convenience Store Association (WCSA) brought this to our attention. It is troubling that a company the size of 7-Eleven would not have been contacted to participate in the consultation process.

The changes being considered are included in the proposed amendments for part 4: General Conditions in the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. They relate to situations where employees work alone between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m..

WorkSafe BC considers these changes necessary for worker safety and I must state clearly that we take worker safety very seriously. We do not wish to see safety compromised but feel it of paramount importance that WorkSafe BC provide conclusive evidence that their changes are required and would in fact work in meeting the desired outcomes, one of which we hope would be the continued viability of the business.

7-Eleven has been one of the convenience store industry leaders with the implementation of our robbery prevention and violence avoidance programs for our employees. We were instrumental in founding what is now know as Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED), which is used world wide and practiced in this Province by Municipal Police Departments, the RCMP and Municipal Governments. We have years of experience in the area of late night retailing. 7-Eleven has been one of the foremost late night retailers since 1927. Dr. Rosemary Erickson, President of Athena Research, has worked closely with 7-Eleven and the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) on this topic. Dr. Erickson has made late night retailing safety her life's work. She has written numerous papers on her research regarding two employees working and I have spoken to her regarding coming to Vancouver to share her research with WorkSafe BC. She looks forward to the opportunity.

We look forward to being included in a meaningful consultation process with our industry and we would ask that you intervene on our behalf to ensure due process occurs.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Yours truly,

Len McGeouch
Manager, Government Liaison and Loss Prevention

