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July 16, 2007

Mr. Jim Sinclair, President
B.C. Federation of Labour
#200-5118 Joyce Street
Vancouver, British Columbia
V5R 4H1

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

Re: Working Alone Regulation

The Vancouver Police Department supports violence free workplaces and in that respect has its own policy, an excerpt of which is set out below:

"The Vancouver Police Department seeks to maintain a safe, healthy and secure work environment for its employees, in accordance with Workers' Compensation Board requirements. Further, it is the Department's goal to create a workplace free from violence, threats of violence, harassment, intimidation or other disruptive behaviour. The Vancouver Police Department treats reports of threatening behaviour or violence seriously and will take appropriate action in response..."

The Vancouver Police Department supports creating safe work environments for employees who work alone in the retail sector. This may include requiring that employees work in pairs and/or in a secure environment during certain hours. Mandating pre-paid fuel purchases during certain hours may also reduce the potential for conflict between employees and unruly customers.

Sincerely,

Jamie H. Graham
Chief Constable

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Jim Sinclair PRESIDENT
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July 20, 2007

VIA FAX: 604-279-7599

Roberts Ellis, Vice President
Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia
Policy & Regulation Development Division
6951 Westminster Highway
Richmond, BC V7C 1C6

Dear Ms. Ellis:

**RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON THE WORKING ALONE OR
IN ISOLATION REGULATION**

Attached please find a copy of a letter from Chief Constable Vancouver Police Department Jamie Graham. The Vancouver Police Department supports the Workers' Compensation Board's (WCB) proposed amendments that require pre-paid fuel purchases, workers working in late night retail to work in pairs, and/or for the employers to provide a secure environment between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Again, we urge the WCB Board of Directors to approve the proposed amendments regarding the **Working Alone or In Isolation Regulation** and in so doing provide workers employed in late night retail with the safety protection needed.

Yours truly,



JIM SINCLAIR
President

Attachment

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