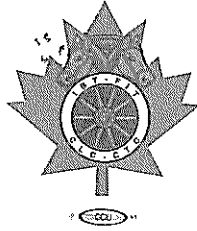


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URGENT

Re: possible labour dispute at CP Rail and the effects on public and employee safety.

Dear Minister:

We are the Union (TCRC-MWED) which represents approximately 3000 maintenance of way employees at CP Rail. Presently, the Union and CP Rail have completed the conciliation process and either party may issue a seventy-two hour notice that would result in a strike or a lock out. In the event of a strike or lock out at CP Rail, the company has clearly indicated trains will continue to operate.

With a strike or lock out at CP Rail, approximately 1200 licensed track inspectors will no longer provide daily track inspections. Thru visual inspection, these inspectors find, on a continuing basis, unsafe defects that must be repaired. When such defects are found, the first priority of these inspectors is to protect public and employee safety with the placement of slow orders for trains and/or track closures. Inspectors ensure, thru continuing inspections, that these restrictions (slow orders and track closures) remain in place until such a time the track is repaired up to standard.

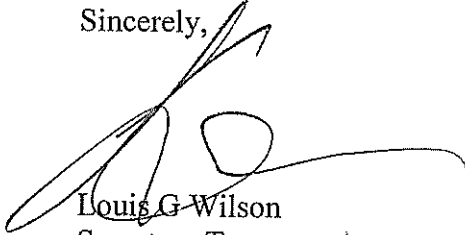
In the event of a strike or lockout CP Rail has a contingency plan to continue train operations, we allege that such a contingency plan is done without due consideration for the safe operation of trains, as well as without due consideration for the protection of public and employee safety. CP Rail requires at least one year of "on-track" working experience before any individual is allowed to test for track inspector certification. We believe this requirement must be made of any replacement worker that CP will bring into the workplace and such a requirement should not be waived for expediency.

Based on the records we have available, we allege that CP Rail will be replacing approximately 1200 unionized track inspectors with approximately 160 non-union licensed track

inspectors (approximately eighty (80) full time Track Maintenance Supervisors and approximately eighty (80) Track Program Supervisors).

We believe that public and employee safety should be paramount in the operation of any railway. We firmly believe that CP Rail cannot continue to operate safely without a qualified track inspectors. With approximately 160 track inspectors replacing nearly 1200, we believe the endangerment to public and employee safety is imminent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis G. Wilson', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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