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TO ALL IBEW FIRST DISTRICT LOCAL UNIONS

RE: Private Members Bill C-201 "Travel and Accommodation deductions for tradespersons"

Greetings:

NDP Member of Parliament (MP) Chris Charlton's Private Members Bill C-201 seeks to alter the Income Tax Act to allow tradespersons and apprentices in the construction industry to deduct travel and accommodation expenses should they have to travel more than 80km from their personal residence to obtain work. The IBEW along with the Canadian Building Trades has been seeking this type of relief for all construction workers for the last 35 years, and this may be the best chance we have of achieving this goal.

Currently there are other professions, such as salespeople and truck drivers who are allowed to deduct the expenses they incur while travelling away from home for work purposes from their personal income tax, and we strongly feel that the same should apply to construction workers.

Politicians have returned to Ottawa and this Bill went through its second hour of debate of second reading last night. On Wednesday, February 5th there will be a vote in the House of Commons which could kill the Bill or send it to committee for further review. We need your assistance now to get MP's to vote to send this Bill to committee so that it can be reviewed.

Please take the time to contact all of the MPs in your Local Unions jurisdiction at their office in Ottawa by phone or email. We need to urge them to vote "Yes" and pass this Bill at second reading so that it can be further studied at committee. Attached to this email you will find the following;

- Sample letter to an MP that you can copy or modify to your liking
- Facts and Talking Points
- A copy of Bill C-201
- A copy of Audit Projections performed by Hendry Warren Chartered Accountants
- A copy of Hansard from last night's debate on C-201

If you need help finding the email address or phone number for your MP please click on the following link <http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members?view=List>

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

In solidarity,

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cc: First District Representatives
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