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**TO ALL IBEW FIRST DISTRICT LOCAL UNIONS**

RE: Private Members Bill C-377

Greetings:

On the afternoon of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Private Members Bill C-377 was reintroduced in the Senate, in the original form as passed by the House of Commons last December. Due to the overshadowing of the Senate expense scandal, recent Senate proceedings have been focusing on Senators Wallin, Duffy and Brazeau and not on Bill C-377 which is awaiting second reading in the Senate.

The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) and the Canadian Building Trades office are currently fine tuning their talking points for media, public commentary, and when speaking to Senators. The IBEW will be utilizing these talking points so that we remain on the same page as the rest of the labour movement. As soon as we receive these talking points we will forward them to you immediately.

Although Senators passed amendments put forward by Conservative Senator Hugh Segal in June, there is no certainty that they will pass similar amendments. It is absolutely vital that our Local Unions and our members contact Senators from their home province as well as the Conservative Senators who supported the Hugh Segal amendments to encourage them to either defeat the bill in its entirety or at the very least again support Senator Hugh Segal's amendments should they be tabled.

We have provided sample letters to Liberal Senators and non-Liberal Senators in Word format that can be customized by you, as well as letters that were sent to Senators by the CLC. We have also provided a list of all Senators as well as their contact information. All of these documents are attached to this email.

Please note that the Leader of the Official Opposition in the Senate, Liberal Senator James Cowan, has assured the labour movement that Liberal Senators still oppose the bill in its entirety and will do what they can to prevent this bill from becoming law. With that being said we still need to send letters of support to all Liberal Senators. I cannot stress enough the importance of sending correspondence to our Senators regarding this legislation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your Local Unions participation could play a key role in defeating this legislation.

In solidarity,

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