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TO ALL IBEW FIRST DISTRICT LOCAL UNIONS

UPDATE: Possible Taxation of Health and Dental Benefits

Greetings:

In correspondence sent out on February 1, 2017 it was indicated that the Federal Government may move forward on possibly taxing health and dental care benefits and we had encouraged our members and Local Unions to take action by sending a letter to your MP by using the link donttaxmyhealthbenefits.ca Later that day the Prime Minister was grilled in Question Period about this issue and he committed that his government would not tax health and dental benefits.

The following day, Thursday, February 2, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, was questioned in the House by the opposition on the government's plan to tax health and dental benefits and she stated "*However, as our Prime Minister indicated very clearly yesterday, this will not include a new tax on health and dental benefits.*"

You can see her comments [here](#) in Hansard.

Thank you for acting on this important issue.

In solidarity,

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cc: First District Representatives
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