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RE: United Brotherhood of Carpenters

To all members,

Across the country and over many decades, the Building Trades have worked hard to negotiate collective agreements that contain strong wages and pensions to benefit our members. However, the progress we have made is being undermined by Carpenters Local 585 in Newfoundland and Labrador and National Construction Council (NCC) Local 1999, which was created by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, in the prairies. These two entities seek to take away our jurisdiction and undermine our ability to create a highly specialized and skilled workforce.

Similar to CLAC in western Canada, Local 585 and NCC have put forth sub-standard agreements that, in the long-term, may cause irreparable damage to our unions. We cannot accept being paid less nor can we permit the harm this causes to our pension and benefits plans, our members and their families.

It has come to our attention that our members are being recruited by these groups either through advertisements or directly by phone. Therefore, we must take immediate action to preserve our place as a leader in construction. We cannot permit our members to work for opposing unions and there could be reprimands for those that do. These include facing charges under the union's constitution, those found guilty could be removed from dispatch lists, or could be expelled from the union altogether.

Working on projects with rival unions and non-signatory contractors will only create a race to the bottom.

We the undersigned Canadian Directors for our respected trades stand 100 per cent in solidarity in taking this action against the irresponsible incursion of these wall-to-wall Carpenter divisions. We ask you to stand with us to protect the hard-fought gains we have achieved through our current collective agreements.

In solidarity,

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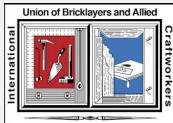
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