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Dear Mr. McGuinty:

Re: injured workers' election issues

Our members have suffered greatly as a result of misguided changes to workers' compensation over the past two decades. Adjustment for inflation was cut, leaving injured workers living on less money than they did 15 years ago. Permanent disability pensions were replaced by a deeming system that cuts compensation for lost earnings even when injured workers are unable to return to the workforce. Experience rating benefits for employers have been expanded, incenting companies to not reporting workplace injuries to the WSIB, actions that are harmful to injured workers. The government has failed to update the list of covered industries, leaving nearly one third of Ontario's workforce without WSIB coverage. Will you tell the people of Ontario where you stand on these issues?

1. Would your party legislate full cost of living adjustments for injured workers?
2. Would your party amend the legislation to ensure that workers are not cut off compensation before they get back to work?
3. Would your party eliminate Experience Rating?
4. Would your party legislate workers' compensation coverage for all workers in Ontario?
5. Would your party ensure that injured workers are treated with dignity and respect by the WSIB?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ontario Network of Injured Workers' Groups
per:

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