

Italia Altobelli – notes for Professor Arthurs

Dear Professor Arthurs, my name is Italia Altobelli.

I have a permanent injury. I was working as a pattern maker in the clothing industry. I was designing clothes. This work caused a lot of stress on my arms, shoulder and neck, after 34 year of hard work. My hands were moving all the time and finally gave up in 1988.

I am here to speak from my heart about the cost of living problem you want to her about.

Everything is going up. Gas went up. Electricity went up. Clothing went up. Transportation went up. Gasoline went up. The medicines went up. Food went up.

Without full cost of living I go backwards every year. It is like an injured worker is second or third class citizen in Canada.

Professor Arthurs. You have no idea the sacrifices I had to make to keep my children in school. Children of injured workers should be able to go to university like the children of other people. To do this we at least need full cost of living. 0.5% does not do the job.

I am now a senior citizen. But I am very concerned about the children of injured workers. They should not suffer. They should not be left without an education or with no future.

Please tell the compensation board that injured workers have paid enough with the injury. We cannot pay two times. First with the pain of the injury. Second, with losses to inflation.

The compensation system is about protection. But where is the protection for injured workers?

Please make this a system of protection.

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