



January 25, 2006

The Right Honourable Paul Martin
Prime Minister
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister:

Please accept the thanks of the Canadian Labour Congress for your contribution to Canadian political life since you were first elected to Parliament.

I do wish that there had been more opportunities to move forward on some of the ideas we discussed on training and skills development including reform of the EI program to allow workers to access income support to get the training or upgrade their skills; addressing the productivity of Canadian businesses and improvements to the retirement income scheme with pension protection and improvements to the CPP.

We will continue to work with the Liberal caucus and other MPs to push forward on these issues and those that we identified as important to working Canadians in this election:

- protecting health care from those interested in private profits and expanding medicare to cover home care and provide catastrophic drug protection;
- ensuring workers have their pensions protected from bankruptcy and that employers pay the pension earned;
- making economic equality for women a reality;
- standing up for workers' rights and anti-scab legislation;
- providing education and training for working families; and
- creating new jobs and protecting existing jobs with decent wages and benefits.

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I will be seeking a meeting with the interim leader of the Liberal Party of Canada as soon as the person is appointed to discuss how this agenda can be implemented.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Georgetti', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth V. Georgetti
President

cc: Executive Council