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Mark Boothman, MP
State Member for Albert
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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your time this morning, and for prompting about the government's requests for submissions into current Workers' Compensation legislation.

After informal discussions both within the Chamber environment and my own business network, it is our firm belief that introduction of tandem, private sector provision of cover would facilitate a competitive market to potentially drive down current provider costs and waste, while driving up the necessity of improved service.

We also talked about the current load on small to medium businesses, and their primary need to dedicate their full resources to maintaining viable operations. BYCC Members have been made aware of your government's call for comment, but our feedback has been that business owners are operating on such tight margins that they do not have the time or resources to make individual written responses.

While costly community forums run a risk of following similar unproductive pathways pursued by the previous government, possibly a small focus group conducted within the offices of each Member would allow representation of local businesses who might be far more willing to give an hour, knowing their feedback will be listened to and taken forward.

I would certainly have no hesitation in assisting you to find a cross section of businesses and personally nominating at least one business with first-hand valuable experience that he could relate.

Yours faithfully,

Lawrie Doré
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President

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