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VIA FAX AND MAIL

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Dear Brother Georgetti:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 20, 2003. As you noted, our priorities have been focused on a difficult set of negotiations in the BC forest industry; however, I have taken the time to provide this response at your request.

First, I would like to point out that the HEU (CUPE) has yet to live up to your ruling earlier this year with regard to their public actions and statements against the IWA in contravention of the Canadian Labour Congress Constitution. This, in my mind, begs the question – which unions are exempt from the rules and by what criteria do they become exonerated? It is unfortunate that HEU has chosen not to make any effort to abide by your ruling, to cease its attacks on the IWA and its locals, or show any modicum of respect for my union. In my opinion, if they had responded differently a solution could have been found to his dispute a long time ago.

Having said that, I personally still believe in the Canadian Labour Congress and my union is prepared to abide by the Umpire's decision and the Constitution. To this end, the IWA will not sign any further agreements with private employers in the health care sector flowing from the contracting out of health care services as a result of Bill 29. I sincerely hope that, as a result of this commitment, health care workers are not left unrepresented. If this becomes the case, IWA will not hesitate to resume our efforts to secure union representation for unorganized health care workers in British Columbia.

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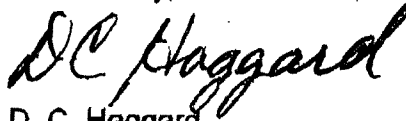
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In conclusion, with our commitment to sign no further agreements with private health care employers, we consider this matter closed. Further, I would expect you and the officers of the Canadian Labour Congress to ensure that other affiliates cease attacking and maligning my union once and for all.

In Solidarity,



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