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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister:

Re: THANK YOU FROM THE CARPENTERS

We wanted to write to you just to say "Thank You" on behalf of our Union, the Carpenters' District Council of Ontario, and on behalf of its 30,000 members.

Times of crisis call for strong leadership and you and your Government are certainly providing this for our country. The economic support package which you announced this week will not only help keep our economy going but has also provided some real economic security for our members suffering due to the COVID-19 situation.

Many of our members across Ontario have already been laid off as a result of this pandemic and a great many more are facing the imminent threat of such lay offs. These are worrying times but the new Emergency Care Benefit and Emergency Support Benefit programs which you announced have provided our members with a level of reassurance. In addition, the various actions of your Government to support small businesses, which lie at the heart of the construction industry, are greatly appreciated by both this Union and the employers with which we work.

We know that you and your Government are looking out for the welfare of the entire country and all Canadians. That said, we would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate the efforts of all of the Ontario Cabinet Ministers who form part of the special Cabinet Committee dealing with the COVID-19 crisis. Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and Ministers Bill Morneau, Navdeep Bains, Bill Blair and Patty Hajdu (who we know so well from her time as the Minister of Labour) all seem to us to have gone above and beyond in looking out for the construction workers of our Province now when we really need some help. We are very proud of all of them and the Carpenters' Union will not forget what they have done for us.

Obviously, there is much more to do and there may be darker days ahead but we just want to say thank you for everything you are doing and to let you know that we all support you.

Yours sincerely,

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