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Ms. K. Byrne
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Dear Ms. Byrne:

During the process of legislative debate, an opportunity is offered for all MLA's to bring forward new concepts for improved ways of dealing with industrial relations, employment creation initiatives, workplace safety, and other issues relating to the quality of life for working men and women in our province.

As Minister of Labour, I believe that it is an important part of my role to review these new concepts, particularly when they involve significant departures from the past, and to seek a broad base of input concerning their possible merits or pitfalls, whether these ideas originate with government members or with members of the Opposition.

As part of my desire to consult with you on an on-going basis, I am enclosing a copy of Bill M214--the Employment Cooperatives Act--proposed by Mr. Robin Blencoe, N.D.P. MLA for Victoria.

As you will see, the Bill proposes a formal mechanism by which workers in plants facing closure would be assisted to keep the operations going on a co-op basis. Since such legislation could clearly have very significant implications for trade unions certified at these work sites, I would very much appreciate your views on such legislation in order to assist me in the formulation of government policy in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Segarty
Minister

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