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Dear Members;

As you are all aware, on April 11, 2018 the Provincial Government announced the introduction of a presumptive clause for occupational stress related injuries that included paramedics. Unfortunately, at that time this legislation did not extend to dispatchers and call-takers. I am very pleased to inform you that today, the Honourable Minister of Labour, Harry Bains, announced the inclusion of both dispatchers and call-takers into the legislation.

This is very welcome news and represents a significant milestone in the support of mental health for all communication officers. I would like to thank and acknowledge the resolution of our members and union officials in continuing to advocate for this important piece of legislation on behalf of our dispatch and call-taking brothers, sisters and friends.

Today's announcement is an important step in the right direction in managing the mental health of all of our members. However, we remain committed to advocating for improved recognition and mitigation of the mental health risks associated with our work. We will continue to engage stakeholders and members to develop solutions that improve our working conditions.

Sincerely,

Cameron Eby
Provincial President
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