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Dear Sisters and Brothers

Subject: Operator Assault Bill S 221 Receives Royal Assent

It took ten years but once we got this ball rolling there is just no slowing it down, not that we would want to. We just received information that Bill S 221 has received Royal Assent as of this afternoon. Once again, congratulations. We have already begun work on the next phase of our campaign which is educating the public and the courts on the fact this tool will be used to better protect our members and the public.

I know I speak on behalf of the Board when I say we look forward to meeting with you to discuss this plan further and finalize an action plan that will go a long way in making our workplace a safer place to be.

We had hoped on scheduling a meeting around the time this Bill received Royal Assent but of course, it happened so fast that was not possible.

We are now working with Sussex with the goal of scheduling a meeting with Senator Runciman and Justice Minister Peter McKay and holding a training session in Ottawa at the same time. Given the Ministers schedule this may not be possible; however we will be scheduling the meeting in Ottawa to coincide with the training and a thank you reception at the best opportune time available.

Please find the attached via e-mail, the document confirming royal assent for your review and records. A copy of the signed documents will be provided to all Locals as soon as it is available.

In Solidarity

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