



Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada

The expert voice of multi-employer benefit interests in Canada

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Via E-mail

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Re: Alberta Health Care Act - Bill 11

Dear Mr. Robertson:

The Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada (MEBCO) is a non-profit corporation representing the interests of Canadian multi-employer pension and benefit plans. We are writing to you to request a meeting with your office regarding changes to the Alberta Health Care Act, Bill 11.

About MEBCO

The Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada (MEBCO) was established in 1992 to represent the interests of Canadian multi-employer pension and benefit plans (MEPs). MEBCO consults with provincial and federal governments regarding proposed or existing legislation and policies affecting these plans. MEBCO is a federal no-share capital corporation, operating on a not-for-profit basis.

MEBCO Representation

On behalf of all our members we are very concerned about Bill 11's shift to make the public plan the plan of last resort respecting drug coverage for persons over age 65.

Your office may be aware that thousands of Alberta retirees and persons over age 65 are covered under private sector multi-employer healthcare plans. In particular many are plans formed by trade unions and funded under building trades collective agreements.

These private sector multi-employer health plans have been established in Alberta for decades. These plans provide comprehensive health care to persons who are active and retired and are under and over 65 and their dependants. These plans typically include life insurance, disability benefits, medical care, prescription drug coverage, mental health services, vision care, hearing care, dental care and other services. These plans were built to overlay public health coverage particularly prescription drugs.

If the relevant sections of Bill 11 are proclaimed, we believe you will see the termination of many private sector health plans covering persons over age 65 (and their families) and this will have a terrible ripple effect on the health and wellbeing of thousands of Alberta seniors who rely on this health care coverage. This of course will harm their financial wellbeing and longevity and have a detrimental effect on the social fabric of the province of Alberta and beyond.

We look forward to your response and setting a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex D. McKinnon".

Alex McKinnon
President

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Nicole Gray, Chief of Staff, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services (PPHS), Adrianna Grange