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Dale Lindeman  
Chair, Political Action Committee  
Regina & District Labour Council  
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Dear Mr. Lindemann

Thank you for your invitation to attend the debate being hosted by the Regina & District Labour Council on April 21<sup>st</sup>. I regret that I will be unable to attend.

The Government of Saskatchewan appreciates the importance of providing members of the public, stakeholders and Members of the Legislative Assembly with the opportunity to debate and provide input into Bill 5, *The Public Service Essential Public Services Act* and Bill 6, *The Trade Union Amendment Act* prior to passage of the legislation by the Legislative Assembly.

To ensure that both Government Members and Members of the Opposition had ample opportunity to consult with stakeholders on Bill 5 and Bill 6, our Government introduced these two pieces of legislation on December 19, 2007. This allowed for almost three months on consultation and feedback from stakeholders and the public prior to the resumption of the Legislature on March 10, 2008.

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Since the introduction of Bills 5 and 6, Advanced Education, Employment and Labour Minister Rob Norris, government MLAs and ministry officials have consulted widely with stakeholders from labour, business, and other affected groups such as universities and technical institutes to gather input on the legislation. To date:

- 84 letters soliciting feedback on the legislation have been sent to stakeholders;
- Minister Norris and ministry officials have held meetings with 20 stakeholder organizations that included nearly 100 representatives;
- Minister Norris has met twice with Saskatchewan Federation of Labour President Larry Hubich to discuss the legislation;
- Advertisements soliciting feedback on the legislation from the public were placed in nearly 100 newspapers across the province; and
- Government MLAs met with 17 representatives of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour on February 6, 2008 to receive further feedback on Bills 5 and 6.

With Bills 5 & 6 now before the Legislature, MLAs will have the opportunity to further debate the Bills prior to the conclusion of Spring Session of the Legislature in May.

Should the Regina and District Labour Council wish to provide further feedback on Bills 5 and 6, I would invite you to contact Advanced Education, Employment and Labour Minister Rob Norris.

Sincerely,



Brad Wall  
Premier

cc Honourable Rob Norris  
Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour