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INJURED, DISABLED & DISCARDED WORKERS

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Government of N.W.T.
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

DATE: March 4, 1992
TO: Legislative Assembly
FROM: IDDW (Injured Workers Support Group)
SUBJECT: Petition

On behalf of all the injured workers in the North, I would like to ask that careful and meaningful consideration be given to raising the WCB YMIR in this session of the Legislative Assembly. We do realize that there are many other considerations and financial implications that need to be reviewed in these times of economic duress.

However, let me assure you that injured workers on WCB realize, only too well, the financial implications of not raising the \$40,000 YMIR that has been stagnant since 1988. This YMIR has left many injured workers in dire financial straits, which compounds the stress of trying to get back into the work place and also causes many social problems.

Even a modest increase to \$45,000 with the deductions changed from 90% of net to 80% of gross, indexed with cost of living, would at least give injured workers a bit of breathing room until other problems can be worked out.

Many of you in this room have sympathized with our group and have supported us as much as possible, and we do thank you for this. We hope to maintain a good rapport with you. Unfortunately, sympathy does not pay the bills; the banks want cold hard cash! Although the banks have worked with many of us to a point, they are running out of patience because of WCB's lethargy.

Once again, we thank those of you who have supported us and we thank the House for listening to us. For the sake of all injured workers in the North, we sincerely hope that this issue will be resolved promptly.

Mahsi Cho

(On behalf of all)
President of IDDW

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