



PETITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO TO RESTORE WSIB BENEFIT RATES

WHEREAS one of the principles put forward by Sir William Meredith as the foundation of the original Workers’ Compensation Act in Ontario was “Compensation for as long as disability lasts” so that the injured worker did not become a financial burden on their family or the community; and

WHEREAS the legislative change in 1998 (WSIA) reduced benefits to injured workers from 90% of net pre-injury earnings to 85% of net pre-injury earnings, and cut the WSIB contribution to the Loss of Retirement Income Benefit for injured workers from 10% to 5% of any wage loss benefit paid out after 1 year; and

WHEREAS the 1998 legislated reduction in wage loss benefits was based on the concern of financial collapse of the WSIB, and

WHEREAS the “unfunded liability” was retired in 2018, by the cost reduction generated by the drastic reduction in wage loss benefits to injured workers set out in WSIA, and

WHEREAS the WSIB’s surplus reached \$7.8 billion, which means the WSIB has 123.4% funds needed to pay out all workers’ claims on record: and

WHEREAS the premium rates for employers are at the lowest cost in the past half century and the WSIB has returned billions of dollars in premiums to employers each year for the last 3 years; and

WHEREAS powerful academic research shows the Poverty of injured workers caused by the current system of WSIB legislation, adjudication and benefits system, and

THEFORE, we the undersigned residents of Ontario petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to immediately enact and pass amendments to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act to:

- 1. Restore the benefit rate for Loss of Earnings to 90% of net pre-injury earnings;***
- 2. Restore the WSIB contribution to the Loss of Retirement Income benefit to 10% of wage loss benefits,***
- 3. Make a retroactive payment equal to 5% of all wage loss benefits paid to every injured worker injured since 1998.***

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