



July 4, 2023

The Hon. Seamus O'Regan Jr., PC, MP
Minister of Labour
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

I am writing on behalf of the 425,000 members of the National Union of Public and General Employees to raise our concerns about the possibility of federal legislative intervention in the labour dispute at the ports in British Columbia.

We fully support the legitimate demands of the members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada (ILWU).

As has been widely reported, the ports are critical to the economic well-being of Canada. Perhaps, under the circumstances, the employer, and your government, could accord the workers there the respect they deserve for their work creating wealth for this country.

I sincerely hope that your government is not considering back-to-work legislation to deny these workers their constitutional right to free collective bargaining. Instead, I would encourage your office to provide what assistance it can to ensure that these workers achieve a fair and just collective agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bert Blundon".

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