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March 31, 2020

Honourable Scott Fielding
Minister of Finance
Room 103, Legislative Building
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

via Email

Dear Minister Fielding,

I am writing on an urgent issue facing workers in Manitoba as they continue to provide essential services through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The MGEU echoes the position of the Manitoba Federation of Labour and other groups calling on the Government of Manitoba and the Workers Compensation Board to provide presumptive coverage for all Manitoba workers who become infected with COVID-19 through the course of their employment.

Many brave Manitobans are stepping up, whether caring for us in the health care system, providing childcare, or ensuring necessities like food and other goods and services are available.

These Manitobans are putting their health at greater risk to make sure our Province keeps moving and stays resilient in the face of the pandemic. These workers have families at home just like you and I do. In the event that they contract COVID-19, they must be reassured WCB benefits will be there to support them. They need to know that they will maintain their employment and that they can continue providing for their families during these trying times.

These workers are risking their health and well-being to help others. Now, these workers need help.

Sincerely,

Michelle Gawronsky
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cc: Michael Werier, Chair, WCB
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