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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

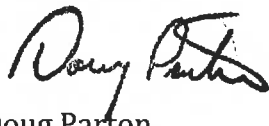
As you are likely aware, the construction outlook for British Columbia is incredibly strong. Workforce projections show us needs tens of thousands of tradespeople in the coming years to meet project demands. Ironworkers Local 97 will have a central role in helping to meet the demand for ironworkers on these projects, and our ability to do so is imperative to our continued growth and success.

As members of this union we feel it is important to reach out to you first and see if there is anybody in your circles who may be interested in the trade and this union. We have plenty of work opportunities for experienced and inexperienced workers, and will continue to do so for a long time. If you have a son or daughter, friend or neighbor, or ties to a community organization, I encourage you to reach out to them and share the many benefits of being a union ironworker.

In addition to our traditional training programs such as the full apprenticeship at BCIT, we are looking at putting on training programs for pre-apprentices in areas where work is booming. For now, that is the reinforcing sector. We are starting up the two-week training program shortly and will be looking for prospective ironworkers to fill it. We hope that this enhances our ability to meet our contractors' needs and turn out some of the best people in the industry – as we always have.

The future is bright, and we will enjoy great success – but that is dependent on our ability to supply our contractors and projects with the skilled and professional ironworkers we are known for. We hope you are able to support this goal by recommending people to us and help us to grow our membership.

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