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WCB Review Panel

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The Alberta Construction Association appreciates the opportunity to have participated in the WCB Data Symposium January 25th and 26th.

In our letter of January 6, 2017, ACA expressed its concern to the Panel about scope, in particular, we stated:

The Terms of Reference note: "The purpose of the review is to strike the right balance between workers and employers to ensure fair compensation, meaningful rehabilitation for an injured worker, and a sustainable and affordable workers' compensation system".

ACA is concerned that a number of the concepts raised in the Review not only fall outside these terms of reference, but indeed, fall outside the Meredith Principles upon which the WCB is based. As an example, Occupational Health and Safety and the governance of safety associations are beyond the scope of the Review.

We continue to have this concern. ACA along with other groups see the link to prevention as a much lower priority given other issues under Review which relate more directly to the stated purpose. As funders of the Review, employers question whether this has been the best expenditure of scarce funds.

ACA continues to welcome opportunities to participate in and provide input to the WCB Review process.

Sincerely,

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Paul Heyens Chairman