



April 25, 2014

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Dear Sister Clarke Walker:

I was deeply saddened to receive a copy of your open letter sent to many Canadian Labour Congress affiliates dated April 23, 2014.

You have been a member of the CLC Executive Officers since you were first elected as an Executive Vice-President in 2002.

You and I ran together in 2005, 2008 and 2011 as part of a team at the CLC and I had hoped that you would continue in that role in the 2014 Convention elections, as we had discussed earlier this year.

So I am extremely sorry to now read in your letter that you regard me as your “abuser” at the Congress and write that I wanted to “destroy” you, among other allegations.

I also regret that you believe CUPE's National President was part of this situation.

I know that nothing I can say in this letter will change your opinion now, but I must on the record emphatically disagree with your allegations.


The Canadian Labour Congress has clear policies regarding anyone in our organization behaving inappropriately and also has a process to resolve such allegations in a fair and unbiased way.

You have not requested that process to be followed at any time during our 12-year working relationship.

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Without question your open letter and the timing will make the upcoming CLC Convention uncomfortable for both of us. However, I hope we can continue to work together to make this Convention a success.

In solidarity,



Ken Georgetti
President

cc: Members of the CLC Canadian Council

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