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From: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Chinese Workers in BC

-----Original Message-----

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [<mailto:Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 9:39 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Chinese Workers in BC

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From: s22
Sent: November-23-12 7:21 PM
To: jason.kenney@parl.gc.ca; diane.finley@parl.gc.ca; Bell.MLA, Pat; Coleman.MLA, Rich
Cc: s22
Subject: Chinese Workers in BC

Dear Ministers,

We as Canadian citizens are appalled that the Canadian and BC Governments would allow foreign workers in to Canada to steal away jobs that Canadians are perfectly willing, qualified and able to perform. These Chinese workers have been brought in under invalid qualifications and we as Canadians feel betrayed by our government representatives. In casual conversations with friends and neighbors about this issue I find them pretty fired up, as we are, that you would so casually give our jobs away.

We respectfully ask that this matter is given your immediate attention and addressed to the satisfaction of your constituents.

Sincerely,

s22

Sent from my iPhone

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From: s22
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2012 12:55 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: Use of Foreign Workers

Categories: Batch File

It appears that this government has decided to have people from other countries such as China coal miners come in to work in our mines. I cannot believe that the government did not know there would be a need for these workers and did not offer to train people here through our colleges or trade schools.

There has been little comment on whether the employment standards will be met or are have the two levels of governments given up all control to the companies which are not registered under our government standards.

The economic arrangements being made look as if you[government] have decided we are a third world country.

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 2:04 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95723: No production long-wall mining with foreign miners

Importance: High

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From: s22
Sent: November-29-12 1:20 PM
To: Christy Clark.MLA; Bell.MLA, Pat
Cc: Dix.MLA, Adrian; Mungall.MLA, Michelle
Subject: No production long-wall mining with foreign miners
Importance: High

Hon. Pat Bell, MLA
Minister of ... Labour
Legislature Building
Victoria, BC

Sir

Re: "**Coal minig** [sic] **company signs deal with college**", *National Post*, November 24, 2012

This newspaper article noted that Northern Lights College, in Dawson Creek, BC, will be establishing a training program for long-wall underground mining. The program could be implemented by **2014**.

The training program, it is hoped, will produce Canadian miners with the knowhow to replace "temporary" Chinese miners with "... a 10-year timeline for the transfer to a Canadian workforce."

The Murray River coal mine, near Tumbler Ridge, BC, owned by HD Mining International Ltd., of China, "... is expected to begin production in 2014 and operate for 30 years."

I am writing to tell you that I think this schedule is totally unacceptable.

The Murray River mine could be in operation for a third of its production life before a significant proportion of Canadian citizen miners are employed.

It appears to be a fait accompli that 200+ 'temporary' Chinese miners will carry out *preliminary* mine development to "prove" the profitability of mining with the long-wall technique; and to test the shipping chain.

But if HD Mining applies for permission to commence *commercial* coal *production* at Murray River then approval should be given with the proviso that say 90% of miners must be Canadian citizens from day one.

This requirement will encourage HD Mining and Northern Lights College to make a more **snappy** effort to produce long-wall miner graduates.

And it will keep value-added labour income in the province of British Columbia (rather than being sent to China as remittances).

Very sincerely,

s22

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 3:50 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95740 FW: Murray River

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From: s22
Sent: November-30-12 3:25 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Murray River

Hello Honorable Pat Bell,

I'm coming from a position of limited knowledge in regard to Chinese Investment at Murray Creek. I fully appreciate the value of capital and the importance to investment in the BC economy. Most of what I hear sounds fine except I don't buy the necessity for 200 Chinese mine experts given special dispensation in regard to immigration and work permits. Even if a good argument can be made and I'm certain there is a good one, you will not be able to fix the bad optics or get rid of the bad smell. I humbly suggest you revisit the fast track work permit issue.

Respectfully

s22

Not Responsive

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From: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Contact MLA Form Submitted From Legislative Assembly Web Site

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [mailto:Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 10:36 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Contact MLA Form Submitted From Legislative Assembly Web Site

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From: s22
Sent: November-27-12 10:27 AM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Contact MLA Form Submitted From Legislative Assembly Web Site

Name:

s22

Email:

Message: "It's also hard to believe B.C. has a great "Skills and Training Plan" when up to 2,000 miners will come to the province as Temporary Foreign Workers -- because the government had no response to its own task force report calling for miner training four years ago." Any chance your government will stop wasting our money lying to us?

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From: s22
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 11:49 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX
Subject: 95420 we don't need foreign labour in bc

I have 35 yrs construction experience all over BC and Alberta and I've seen my wages and job security fade...

Not Responsive

Not Responsive if you think your going to bring out of town labour to my province and my trade and my work site to take my lively hood your going to lose my vote....

I might even want one of those underground mining jobs, my late father was a coal miner and a gold miner s22 so I resent the idea of employment I could be doing going to foreign labour 100%....

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From: s22
Sent: Saturday, November 17, 2012 7:42 AM
To: leadnow@leadnow.ca; admin@elizabethmaymp.ca; us@sumofus.org;
thomas.mulcair@parl.gc.ca; bob.rae@parl.gc.ca; colin.mayes@parl.gc.ca; Abbott.MLA,
George LASS:EX; christy.clark.mla@leg.bc.ca; Minister, EMH EMH:EX; Minister, JTST
JTST:EX; lynne.yelich@parl.gc.ca; maxime.bernier@parl.gc.ca; ed.fast@parl.gc.ca;
lisa.raitt@parl.gc.ca; christian.paradis@parl.gc.ca
Subject: 95416 Selling out to China
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Batch File

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/coal-mine-looked-for-chinese-workers-at-lower-pay-union-tells-court-1.1042253>

OMG ... Am I the only one thinking this article is a huge warning flag for BC, Canada, N.America... maybe the world. Anyone not interested in emigrating to China should be getting involved. Our democracy is threatened without a war. This is only the beginning. We vote with our dollars so pls start checking your labels and realize how every 'cheap' deal is costing us jobs today but the potential of far worse tomorrow. Read a history book if you don't believe me.

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From: ServiceBC [ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2012 8:47 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95345 Questions about Government of B.C. programs and services
[#153123]

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From: s22
Date: 11/6/2012 6:00:09 PM
To: s22 EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Questions about Government of B.C. programs and services

Below is the result of your feedback form at
(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/gov/contact/index.html>).

It was submitted by s22 on Tuesday,
November 6, 2012 at 17:59:46

questionAbout: question

message: why are we allowing Chinese mining firms to bring over workers when we have many workers here that are qualified???

reply: yes

email2: s22

email_address_confirm: s22

carbonCopy: Y

pageReferer: <http://www.bcliberals.com/contact>

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 9:11 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95337 Batch 94706 FW: Jobs

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From: s22
Sent: November-05-12 9:10 AM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Jobs

It's nice to see you creating jobs in this Province but I wish you would create a few for the people of this Province instead of the Chinese workers from china I believe if we get rid of governments like yours and the one in Ottawa this country will be much better off your Government is a disgrace to this province and to the country with miners out of work and people lining up at food banks you and your pals in Ottawa decide to bring in workers from another country so you can pay them lower wages I have know idea how people like you can get up in the morning and look in the mirror theirs one thing I know for sure on May 14 2013 you will be looking in the mirror at a ex MLA and the people of this Province will have shed the stink that hoovers over this Province

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From: s22
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2012 3:29 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95403 Temporary foreign workers

I as a Canadian and resident of B.C. would like to voice my concern over the use of temporary foreign workers over Canadians.

Canadian's need to have work to support their families and communities. Our government should be helping them keep their jobs, not giving them away to foreign workers.

My family has always lived in and worked in B.C. at this point in time my husband who is s22 with 29 years of experience has been out of work for the past s22 who is also out or work at this time.

I work for s22 and each day see many young people in using our computers to send out resumes and job applications our government needs to get those young people trained and out working.

So please get our citizens out working before you bring in workers from other countries.

Sincerely

s22

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 8, 2012 11:41 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95399 re:cbc's online article about foreign workers at Tumbler Ridge Mine.

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From: s22
Sent: November-07-12 10:15 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: re:cbc's online article about foreign workers at Tumbler Ridge Mine.

Re:Posted Nov.5th 2012. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2012/11/05/bc-chinese-mine-tumbler-ridge.html>

Hello Pat Bell,

As BC jobs Minister, I am shocked to see you say that there is not enough skilled labour for this mine and thus, Chinese workers need to be shipped in to fill those positions. ...To be employed

By a majority owned Chinese company. I refer to your quote in this article: posted oct.10th 2012

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2012/10/10/bc-mining-temporary-workers.html>

"While we are very good at large, open pit mines, we are not very good at underground coal mines," said Jobs Minister Pat Bell. "It is a very dangerous job, and it is not one that it is easy to recruit people for." Have you ever owned a mine and looked for suitable employees? Before making your decision, did you not confer with the effected unions for their experienced input?

As Jobs Minister I do not believe that your job mandate is to provide foreign workers to fill the rolls, but to provide training to CANADIAN workers to reduce unemployment.

Are you BC Jobs Minister here to protect our jobs? We the people pay our taxes and thus your salary, and we need to know that you are behind "the taxpayer" and not foreign interests. I respectfully ask that you rethink this permit and look at how it will adversely affect B.C., it's workers and thus it's economy. Let's not undermine our labour laws by allowing foreign interests to control foreign workers on domestic soil. This is setting a very dangerous precedent.

ase be aware that this issue will not be put to rest easily and will be publicly scrutinized by as many people as I and
y fellow taxpayers can muster. This issue is extremely volatile and could potentially be a tipping point in the next
ection.

hank you for your time and consideration of this letter,

s22

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2012 1:35 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95406: HD Mining

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From: s22
Sent: November-09-12 11:29 AM
To: ron@cannan.ca; Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: HD Mining

I am absolutely astounded that any politician in his right mind would consider bringing in foreign workers to extract Canadian resources. There is no possible way that Canadian workers could not be completely capable of bringing a mine such as the one proposed for Tumbler Ridge into production. We have a fairly high rate of unemployment, and in my mind it is totally unacceptable to bring foreign skilled workers to bring this mine into production.

I have never been a union member, but I am a patriotic Canadian citizen, and I would like assurance that the proposed unsavory arrangement (to bring in Chinese workers) will be cancelled.

s22

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From: ServiceBC [ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 11:08 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95228: Questions about Government of B.C. programs and services [#152173]

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From: s22
Date: 10/31/2012 8:21:38 AM
To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca; s22
Subject: Questions about Government of B.C. programs and services

Below is the result of your feedback form at
(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/gov/contact/index.html>).

It was submitted by s22 on Wednesday, October 31,
2012 at 08:21:08

questionAbout: question

message: Hi , just read the story about the foreign workers at a coal mine in northern BC from China . Is there not out of work coal miners in the USA that could be brought in ? Should we not be helping our neighbours to the south ? My wife who is from China was the one who first read the storey and asked why are the workers not coming from the US . I would like a response to this and the reasons for not Using workers from the US. Os is about the Chinese Vote here in BC ?

<http://bdtonline.com/columns/x699449856/Prayer-vigil-underscores-community-concern-for-unemployed-coal-miners>

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reply: yes

email2: s22

email_address_confirm: s22

carbonCopy: Y

pageReferer: <http://www.bcliberals.com/contact>

Send Message: Send Message

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 8:40 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94714: chinada

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From: s22
Sent: October-16-12 7:41 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: chinada

Hi Pat,

I just seen a article on "Ad for Mandarin-speaking miners" even tho I am from NB this still concerned me, like you said it should hire BC first then Canadian workers next, but not many Canadians know Mandarin...I hope you can clear this up..

Thanks

s22

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 8:41 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94713: Foreign Workers

Categories: Batch File

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-----Original Message-----

From: s22
Sent: October-16-12 6:32 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Foreign Workers

Minister Bell

I have just listened to your rationale for the necessity of bringing in Chinese workers to establish underground mines in BC on CKNW. Your attempt to justify the process was not convincing. 5 years to train a miner? Exactly where were the Chinese miners trained? From which mining schools did they receive their 5 certification? Apparently there are no unemployed miners anywhere in Canada; we know this because the company tells us they tried to recruit them. In which publications and on what dates did they advertise? Did they require that Canadian miners must speak Mandarin? Did they advertise the jobs at the going Canadian rate or the rate that they decided was fair?

Why would we want to base our industry on a Chinese model that is acknowledged as one of the most dangerous in the world? This whole plan is a farce that your boss bought into on one of her junkets to China. Do your job and stand up to her! A Chinese company harvesting Canadian resources with Chinese miners for processing in China is not anyone's idea of a boon to the development of the economy of BC for British Columbians.

If this plan proceeds good luck in next year's election!

Your truly

s22

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From: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: FW: TFW, Dehua International Mines Group

From: s22
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 5:38 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: TFW, Dehua International Mines Group

Dear Honorable Pat Bell,

as the Minister for jobs, tourism and innovation, you know quite well the need for employment in central and northern British Columbia. As announced in the Vancouver Sun (see link below), Dehua International Mines Group has currently received approval to bring Temporary Foreign workers to their Murray River coal mining project.

Respectfully, I would like to express my strong disapproval for this decision and for further approvals such as this. As a born and raised Canadian I find it illogical that we are shipping out raw natural resources, to a foreign based entity, and employing temporary foreign workers. The question has to be asked, what is the net benefit to all Canadians beside some short term tax revenue?

This is a perfect example of how government intervention into the free market distorts true value creation for our society.

The reasons people aren't qualified or don't want to partake in coal mining operations (and similar trades related occupations) are generally for two reasons:

1. the jobs don't pay enough for the risk involved, the time away from home, and the nature of the work
2. companies have no incentive to train workers when they can bring disposable workers from overseas at a discount to Canadian workers

Sir, you have the power and authority to stand up for Canadians. The solution to the skill labour problem is for the government to stop issuing TFW's in occupations that Canadian's can clearly do, and allow the free market forces to set wages, and to train workers.

We are opening the door to the firesale of Canadian assets (also think CNOOC/Nexen) and to the prolonged destruction of the Canadian middle class through these flawed government policies.

Sincerely,

s22

Link Vancouver Sun:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/bc2035/Chinese+nationals+brought+work+coal+mines/7365764/story.html>

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rom: s22
ent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 9:53 AM
o: Minister. JTST .JTST:EX
iubject: 94715 s22

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Hi;

The people of this Province are outraged as to what is going on, with trying to HIRE FOREIGN
, NON SPEAKING ENGLISH WORKERS!.

WOULD THIS HAPPEN IN CHINA, NO, THEY WOULD HIRE THIER OWN.

WE HAVE SO MANY GOOD MEN NOT ONLY IN THIS PROVINCE, BUT IN THIS COUNTRY, RIGHT ACROSS THE
LAND TO NEW FOUNDLAND, THAT WOULD LOVE THOSE JOBS.

IF I HAD KNOWN WHEN MS. CLARK ANNOUNED, THE JOBS BC PROGRAM, THAT THIS IS WHAT SHE HAD IN HER
AGENDA. I WOULD OF BEEN PROTESTING BACK THEN.

I FEEL LIKE THIS IS ANOTHER HST STUNT.!.

ITS NOT TOO LATE TO STOP THE INSANITY

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 8:39 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94716: Out of Office: Not Responsive

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From: s22
Sent: October-15-12 5:44 PM
To: Routley.MLA, Bill; Bell.MLA. Pat
Subject: Fwd: Out of Office: Not Responsive

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From: s22
To: "Pat PSA McCallum:EX" <Pat.McCallum@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "pat bell mla" <pat.bell.mla@leg.gov.bc.ca>, "bill routely mla" <bill.routely.mla@leg.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 5:38:28 PM
Subject: Re: Out of Office: Not Responsive

Hi Pat,

The Vancouver Sun recently reported that up to 2,000 of the 2,800 jobs to be created at four new north east BC mines would go to Chinese nationals. Where is the fairness in this? Or logic?

Not Responsive

I'm willing to bet that my experience and skills would be suited to one of those 2000 jobs.

Some direction on your part to training that would enable British Columbians to access this type work is more in the long term interests of the Province than what is being proposed here.

s22

Not Responsive

Not Responsive

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From: Anonymous@cocoon.bcgov

Date: 10/15/2012 11:17:53 AM

To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca

Subject: General comment/feedback

Below is the result of your feedback form at
(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/cmf/gov/contact/index.html>).

It was submitted by ()
on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 11:17:25

message: To whom it may concern,

I read an article recently in the Tyee.ca (<http://thetyee.ca/News/2012/10/15/China-Temp-Miners/>) that coal mining jobs in the NE of BC are going to temporary foreign workers, is this true? If so, this is a disgrace to British Columbians. It is reported that 2000 of the 2800 mines would go to these foreign workers at a time when British Columbians need good paying jobs, so they don't have to pack up and move to Alberta. We are one of the foremost mining countries in the world, so you'd think we would be able to fill these positions with hard-working Canadians, not low cost Chinese labour.

Thanks for your time.

s22

reply: no

carbonCopy: Y

Send Message: Send Message

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From: Anonymous@cocoon.bcgov

Date: 10/14/2012 2:27:42 PM

To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca

Subject: General comment/feedback

Below is the result of your feedback form at
(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/cmfgov/contact/index.html>).

It was submitted by ()
on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 14:26:46

message: I am writing to you concerning the use of Chinese miners being brought in to work in our northern coal mines. I thought that the resources industry was supposed to open up good job opportunities for British Columbians, that the jobs created would be high-paying ones, offering a future for British Columbians. Your own website states "...focusing on good jobs in the private sector..." and "our Government's top priority is defending and creating jobs. It's the most important thing that we can do to put families first". Now I know that it's all a big farce. I simply do not believe that British Columbians could not have been trained to work in these mines. You had plenty of time to do it. I will close by saying that you have managed to make a life-long anti-NDPer vote for the NDP in the next election. It can't come soon enough.

reply: no

carbonCopy: Y

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:13 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94719: RE importation of foreign workers

Categories: Batch File

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From: s22
Sent: October-12-12 7:29 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: RE importation of foreign workers

Dear BC Members of Parliament BC

I am appalled that this Canadian government is allowing the importation of 200-480 Chinese national to work in the coal mine. I have also heard that this might also go as high as 4000. You have managed to demonize the a child as a traitor. Yet as far as I am concerned this action of this government is the equivalent of a traitorous act. I feel betrayed. True Canadians would protect Canadian Labour and jobs. You and your Government are not true Canadians.

Shame on you and your Government.

Regards

s22

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:12 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94720: foreign chinese workers working at a chinese mine in bc

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From: s22
Sent: October-14-12 6:37 AM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: foreign chinese workers working at a chinese mine in bc

This is not acceptable.

- 1) don't sell our resources to the chinese while it is still in the ground.
- 2) we have our own unemployment problems and there is time to train workers if there is some type of shortfall.

Are you trying to lose the next election?

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:10 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94721: filling BC with foreign worker

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From: s22
Sent: October-14-12 7:09 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: filling BC with foreign worker

Hello, The BC liberal government is quick to help out thousands of immigrant legal and illegal that has not put a nickle into our economy. the fact that the actual land and logging rights are being sold to Chinese company's. They can do whatever they want and hire whoever they want. I guarantee you they are not in business to benefit Canadians.

Not Responsive

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bond.MLA, Shirley [Shirley.Bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 1:08 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Cc: Minister, FIN FIN:EX
Subject: 94721: Not Responsive

Categories: Update Existing Log, Batch File

For your review and response. I am forwarding this onto your ministries. This has come into MSB MLA account.

Please advise if a response should come from a someone else.

Sincerely,

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From: s22
Sent: October-23-12 12:34 PM
To: Bond.MLA, Shirley
Subject: please call a election

Hello The Temporary Foreign Worker program is increasingly little more than a government-sanctioned way for big business to by-pass Canadian workers and substitute with cheap foreign labour ,which all BC liberal support and encourage because BC resident are gullible lazy passive sheep.

Not Responsive

Not Responsive

Your motto "Families

First" was so meaningless unless you meant "Chinese families first". The BC liberal Temporary Foreign Worker program is increasingly little more than a government-sanctioned way for big business to by-pass Canadian workers and substitute with cheap foreign labor I think she actually said " Let's tax families first.The BC Liberal party motto: "Pay More! Get Less!"how can anyone with a shred of decency, morals, intelligence, integrity, honesty and common sense defend the liberals on how they govern this province. The only thing that the liberals have going for them is voter apathy. Finally a MSM columnist has shed some light on the darkness that hides the shenanigans of the liberal party.

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:08 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94722: Show this to your Buddies/ from the Tyee news

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Subject: Fw: Show this to your Buddies/ from the Tyee news

I read this in the news today... Legal now for foreign workers to take B.C. jobs at lower pay. We should be screaming in the streets but we hear nothing from our ELECTED LEADERS. Where is your CALL TO ACTION TO PROTECT OUR JOBS???? Not a word in the mainstream news???? MAKE SOME NOISE OR STEP DOWN.

On Oct. 10, the Vancouver Sun's Peter O'Neil revealed, to readers who had missed an earlier Tyee story on the matter, that the majority of the mining jobs created by the new investment announced last year would be filled by Chinese miners brought into Canada under the highly controversial temporary foreign worker program.

The Sun reported that up to 2,000 of the 2,800 jobs to be created at four new mines would go to Chinese nationals.

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Not Responsive
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 10:39 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: Re: Temporary Foreign Workers Program

Categories: Update Existing Log

TRAIN CANADIANS PERIOD. THEY CAN'T DO BUSINESS IN CANADA WITHOUT HIRING CANADIANS EXCLUSIVLY . THAT SHOULD BE THE RULE. YOU WORK FOR CANADIANS, NOT FOREIGN CORPORATIONS. GET US JOBS. I'm 54, can I train to work at CHINA's mine?

Not Responsive

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 9:09 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94723: Chinese mine workers

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From: s22
Sent: October-11-12 6:14 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Chinese mine workers

I believe there is something about this story that the public is not hearing. Unless this further information is shared with the public, the optics are poor/bad.
Middle income jobs are disappearing in BC, and now to add insult to injury we are importing workers from overseas to fill the middle income jobs that are being created.
This government has muddled along far too much recently, and it is time for you, Mr. Minister to take a stand on this contentious issue.

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 8:42 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94724: Tumbler Ridge

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From: s22
Sent: October-11-12 8:42 AM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Tumbler Ridge

Dear Honorable Minister Pat Bell,

I am writing to you in regards to an article I've read regarding allowing Chinese workers to work at Tumbler Ridge. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2012/10/10/bc-mining-temporary-workers.html>

I am here to express my disapproval of this decision. I understand the need for workers. My complaint is not that it's scab labour. But, that it is a safety concern. I've seen the quality of workers coming from China, hard working, but, completely ignorant. I don't say that to insult the Chinese, because, I am Chinese myself. From my own personal experience, these workers are a hazzard and are dangerous. Do you really want to start this trend sir? I liken this to Mexican Migrant Workers labouring at Big California Farms. Except, this is much more dangerous. This is not the way to do Business in this Country. This is a big mistake, and, I hope that for the sake of this Province and Country, it comes to an end quickly.

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 8:40 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94726 FW: Foreign Workers

Categories: Batch File

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From: s22
Sent: October-20-12 10:16 AM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Foreign Workers

Dear Honorable Minister Pat Bell,

I am writing to you today for the first time. And, it is a topic that means so very much to me. I am writing to you in regards to the Import of Foreign Workers to work in BC. I feel that this is a grave mistake both morally and economically. I understand that there is a shortage in Skilled Labour in BC and across the Country. And, as a Red Sealed Certified Automotive and Commercial Transport Mechanic, I can tell you that I do understand the problems somewhat from "the inside".

What really irks me sir, is that this Shortage has been on the Horizon for years. For many years Private Industry has known of this coming storm, and, has done nothing about it. And, I do feel that this situation had to get worse before it got any better. And, with Shortages affecting the bottom line, I genuinely hoped that these Companies would "Wake up" and start offering Apprenticeships and Training. But, instead of facing the problems that were created by the Industries unwillingness to train Canadian Citizens, you have allowed them to move forward by outsourcing our jobs to foreign workers. I have heard Countless stories from kids coming out from School, who just could not find a job due to "Lack of experience". I myself struggled for years in the Automotive Trade. I worked at Shops for Minimum wage and unpaid overtime. I had to bring my dirty coveralls home to wash myself. I even worked at a shop where the Owner Diluted the Hand Soap, just because he was that cheap. When I

did find a place that paid "Straight time overtime" I was overjoyed. I was working from 8am-6pm Monday-Friday(straight time o/t). I was still treated poorly, but, I had no right to complain because it was "Better than the Industry Standard" as I was told. All the while trying to buy tools. This was before the "Apprenticeship Grants". If I didn't have the love and support of my Parents, I would've drowned. And, what was worse about it all, one of those jobs held back my last 2 weeks pay, all of 600\$. And, 4 of those jobs did not even sign off on my Apprenticeship Hours. So essentially, they were almost a complete waste of time. When I had completed my Apprenticeship, I knew much more than others in my class.

There was once "Apprenticeship Counsellors" in this Province. People who would speak in favour of our efforts to our employers. People who could even Grandfather Hours, because, they knew us and knew what we were doing. Someone to help so that we were not held hostage by our Employers. But, early on in the days of Gordon Campbell he fired all of them. And, I was left with no one.

So now, with a Shortage Looming in so many sectors. It's time these Companies begin to see real value in Skilled Labour. But, they don't because they can now simply go outsource. Instead of Investing into BCIT for a Co-op Program, they can just move on without a care because the labour is covered.

I'm not trying to put Industry to a Stand Still. Nobody wants that in BC. But, with this path of allowing our Labour to be outsourced, there will be no incentive for Companies to train anyone. I know this, because, I have been searching for a Job to as a Heavy Duty Mechanic Apprentice up North. Everyone wants and needs a Heavy Duty Mechanic, but, no one wants to train one. It's not fair to us as the people of BC, and us as Canadians. I'm begging you to stand up for us. Don't sell us down the river.

Kindest Regards Not Responsive

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 8:37 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94725: Contact MLA Form Submitted From Legislative Assembly Web Site

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Sent: October-11-12 7:03 AM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Contact MLA Form Submitted From Legislative Assembly Web Site

Name:

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Email:

Message: Dear Pat. I can't believe I'm saying this, but honestly if I don't hear a retraction from you on these Chinese miners coming to Tumbler Ridge the BC Liberals have lost my vote. What you said about Canada's coal mining capability is just plain wrong and I suspect you know it. I also looked up that company's website, they are a Chinese company of course. These mines should remain undeveloped until they can be operated by Canadians. Government can influence that through requiring companies to take on apprentices and trainees. So get into the game.

Not Responsive

Not Responsive

**BARGAINING COUNCIL OF
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October 15, 2012

BY MAIL

Right Hon. Stephen Harper
House of Commons,
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Hon. Christy Clark
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Sirs, Mesdames,

We represent the views of the 15 Unions representing B.C.'s 35,000 craft construction workers, including a number which play a unique role in BC's mining industry. These unions include underground miners and support workers in the Labourers Union, Operating Engineers, Teamsters, Electricians, Bricklayers, Ironworkers, Sheet Metal Workers, Insulators, Cement Masons, Culinary Workers, Plumbers, Painters, Boilermakers and Carpenters.

We want to register our grave concerns about the uses and abuses of the Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) program as it relates to projects in British Columbia. We are concerned both with the administration and application of this program by the Conservative Government in Ottawa, as well as the uncritical support and encouragement the program receives from the Liberal Government in British Columbia. This letter is particularly concerned with the recent announcement that 200 foreign workers will arrive in BC from China next week to work in coal mines in north-east British Columbia. According to news reports, they are to be followed by up to 2,000 workers from China over the next few years as the coal mines in that area ramp up production.

We believe this mass importation of labour is completely unnecessary and is simply a strategy to employ lower-paid workers who are compliant with the culture of coal mining in China. The coal mining in that country is patently unsafe and the industry there shows little regard for the life, health and wellbeing of the workers in that country.

The abuses which companies commit here in BC using Temporary Foreign Workers are very well known to us in the construction industry. We have dealt with this issue regarding the RAV Transit Canada Line to Richmond, regarding construction of the Golden Ears Bridge, regarding construction of the two tunnels in the Seymour Watershed in North Vancouver related to the water treatment plants there, and to other instances in construction and other fields. We have learned from bitter experience that abuses of these workers are more the rule than the exception. Indeed, our Unions have spent many hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past decade alone, picking up the pieces from the damage done by employers with the complicity of the BC and federal governments.

The notion that Canadian workers don't have the skills to do mining work is preposterous. A good part of this country's economy has been based on mining, stretching back well into the last two centuries. As processes and technologies have changed in mining, as they have in all phases of work including construction, our workers have adapted, have re-trained, and have increased their trade qualifications to keep well ahead of the technological curve.

As Craig McInnes pointed out so eloquently in his column in the Vancouver Sun last Thursday, the Tumbler Ridge mining plans have been known for five years or more, plenty of time to familiarize a cadre of BC workers with any new equipment or processes required. Our people are trained, experienced and ticketed tradespeople. Learning to operate a new piece of equipment is not rocket science for them.

Before the start of the Temporary Foreign Workers program Canada's unions were routinely consulted as to whether they had the trained resources available to do certain kinds of work. That no longer happens. Typically, a company will run an ad in a few papers seeking workers and quoting a low-ball wage. When nobody steps forward this becomes the evidence they offer up to the TFW program in support of their application to import workers from abroad.

On the wage issue, neither the federal or provincial government has a mechanism in place to verify the wages these foreign workers actually receive. From our experience they are charged for accommodations, food, clothing, transportation and anything else the company can think of to minimize their actual take-home pay. A rate that begins in the \$20 an hour range soon bottoms out at around the BC minimum wage of \$10.25 an hour.

The fact is, there are men and women right here in BC who are trained, ready, willing and able to move into these jobs at a moment's notice, and BC's unions could be the agent for putting these workers to work, if we were given the opportunity.

Most often, these workers for construction and mining jobs are recruited from low-wage, high-unemployment parts of the world. Those workers are grateful for any job, particularly one that pays more than they can earn in their home country, but still well below the prevailing rates of pay in British Columbia.

Aside from unemployed members on our union lists, we are ignoring the legitimate wishes and needs of Canadian women, First Nations workers, and our young people, who are all looking for the chance to participate more fully in the economic life of Canada. In their haste to show favour to these large international companies who are coming here to exploit our mineral resources, our governments are turning their backs on these groups of workers in Canada who should be filling those jobs.

Canada's governments are also ignoring a golden opportunity to take advantage of the unique capacity of BC's Unions to recruit, train and re-train apprentices and journeypersons as required. Most Unions have training officers and state-of-the-art facilities for this task; it is relatively easy to re-tool and ramp up to provide new specific training as required.

The Unions also have apprenticeship coordinators who work with our dispatch system to put apprentices to work on the job. There's a union advantage at work here. An apprentice who is indentured to a construction company is simply laid off when a project ends or when that apprentice's craft is no longer required. When that former apprentice searches for work he often floats into an unrelated job and never completes his apprenticeship.

By contrast, an apprentice indentured to a journeyperson through the Union can be dispatched to other jobs with other union companies. This fact alone accounts for much of the success of Union apprenticeship programs, which show a completion rate around 95 per cent, compared to the industry average of 37 per cent. A success rate of 95 per cent is nothing short of astounding, and it is incomprehensible why our governments are not lining up to take advantage of it.

There is a myth that there are no miners working in BC. Aside from members from other Unions who work in this industry, we have underground miners in the Labourers Union who are doing this work; there are Operating Engineers running heavy equipment in BC's mines. We have Millwrights working underground installing machinery and we have Electricians, Plumbers and other trades working in various aspects of the industry all over the province.

Every underground mine needs a mill on the surface to process the material extracted from the mine. These mills and much other activity on the surface require employment of a wide range of skilled tradespeople, to support the underground activity. We suspect these Temporary Foreign Workers will be put to work on these surface jobs as well.

Time and again we have encountered the argument that these jobs require specific expertise which does not exist in Canada. We encountered that argument with the Tunnel Boring Machines on the RAV Canada Line as well as in the tunnels in the Seymour Watershed. The fact is, Canadian workers were soon running this machinery quite successfully because they are trained and qualified tradespeople who have the foundation skills that are required for this type of work.

Now we come to the safety issue.

For generations, Canadian workers have learned to value human life, safety and health as the top priority on the job site. Our collective agreements and labour laws give workers the unfettered right to refuse work which they deem to be unsafe, and their right to do so has been upheld time and again by the courts. It is safe to say the culture of any Canadian workplace is one of safety first and foremost. It is one of the reasons we enjoy such a well-developed system of workers compensation, an organization totally devoted to this issue.

On the other hand, safety in Chinese mines is a sham. According to Chinese government statistics, there were 1,973 miners killed in Chinese coal mines last year. There is no report on how many workers were injured and maimed but survived. There are also reports of cover-ups of other incidents involving deaths and serious injuries in China's mines. The Chinese government provides a chilling statistic: there are currently 35 workers killed for every 100 million tons of coal produced in their country. By contrast, a total of 142 persons lost their lives in BC workplace accidents last year.

For this kind of safety atrocity to persist requires companies whose eye is on the bottom line first and foremost, whose supervisors disregard safety and security of human life in favour of production quotas, and whose workers are overwhelmed by a culture which leads them to accept the possibility of death as a cost of having a job. This psychology is totally counter to the culture of work in BC. Importing owners, supervisors and workers from China means importing a workplace culture which has no place in the Canadian context.

We do not oppose this plan to bring in Temporary Foreign Workers because we have a bias against foreigners. Far from it. If we genuinely could not provide the workers to fill those jobs, we would welcome these workers to our country, and we have done so in the past when consultation was more the norm than the exception.

We oppose this initiative on three grounds:

- It is unnecessary – we have the workers in BC to fill these jobs.
- It is a thinly disguised ploy to bring in a compliant workforce at rates of pay (take-home) near our minimum wage, which is far below the norm in the industry;
- The owners are willing to sacrifice the lives of these workers in order to maximize their profits, and they realize that a Canadian union in their workplace would stand in their way.

We say that the first defense against such abuses in a Canadian workplace is a strong Union on the job. Workers in Canada cannot fear retribution for refusing unsafe work, period. A Union, with the protections of its collective agreement and its grievance procedure, is far and away the most effective means to guard the safety of workers on the job.

The expansion of mining in the North-East Sector does not need to be a negative development.

Our Unions and our members see a lot of good in this situation. We see the potential for creating many long-term good-paying jobs which will allow workers to raise their families safely and securely.

We see opportunities to make spaces for women, First Nations and our youth in the workforces at these mines, further extending the benefits of contributing to the local economy to these groups. A well-trained workforce attracts other industries and makes our province even stronger.

We see wages staying right here in BC, creating spin-off jobs and prosperity for the north-east sector and for our entire province. Communities and families are enriched when family members have good-paying jobs.

We see significant additional tax and other revenues for the government flowing from a well-managed made-in-BC work plan for this important sector of our economy. British Columbians who are enjoying jobs with good wages and benefits do not sap the resources of our government through social assistance, programs for the unemployed, and the high costs of fractured families.

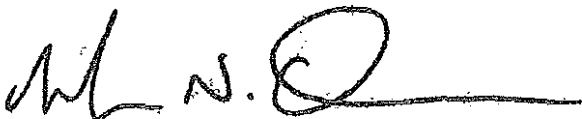
We call on our governments and these companies in the mining industry to work with our unions to prepare the workers who will be needed in this industry over the next 30 to 40 years. With proper preparation the mining could be accomplished on time, within budget, and safely, which is the tradition of BC's unions.

Work with us to develop programs to integrate women, First Nations, youth and other groups into the workforce, so we can provide these groups with the employment opportunities they need.

Support our work with apprentices to enable the unions to provide a steady stream of young, well trained and well motivated workers which will be needed in the future years of the program.

We stand ready to help the federal and provincial governments and the companies in this way, and if there is anything we can do to expedite those processes, we are willing to cooperate fully.

Regards,



Mark Olsen
President

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cc Hon. Lisa Raitt, Minister of Labour
Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources & Skills Development

cc Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration & Multiculturalism
Hon. Thomas Mulcair, Leader of the Official Opposition
Alexandre Boulerice, Labour critic
Jinny Sims, Citizenship critic

Hon. Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (Minister Responsible for Labour)
Hon. Rich Coleman, Minister of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas
Adrian Dix, Leader, BC NDP
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all, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: ServiceBC [ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 4:13 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94784 General comment/feedback [#149387]

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From: s22
Date: 10/11/2012 11:16:07 PM
To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca
Subject: General comment/feedback

Below is the result of your feedback form at
(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/cmfgov/contact/index.html>).

It was submitted by s22) on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 23:15:36

problem: why are you selling bc out

message: BC Government Misleading Public About Mining Jobs: United Steelworkers

reply: yes

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Send Message: Send Message

Not Responsive

From: s22
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2012 9:48 PM
To: Watson, Andy GCPE:EX
Subject: Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training Fact Sheet of October 16, 2012

Sir,

I read the fact sheet issued by your department October 16, 2012 regarding "myths and facts" about the temporary foreign workers permits issued for various underground coal mines proposed in BC.

I have also seen several of the job postings for the various companies recruiting these workers, as released by the Steelworkers Union.

I think that most people reading those advertisements, would conclude that Mandarin was indeed a job requirement, despite your assertion that is not fact.

Even if it was not a requirement, it is pretty clear to me that it was intended to deceive potential applicants into thinking that was the case.

I find your defense and aid of these companies' deceitful advertisements offensive and would think you, and particularly the government, would be ashamed of being a party to their actions.

I worked for s22 years at 2 underground mines and 3 open pit mines and cannot recall ever seeing a requirement for Mandarin on a mine worker job posting. Job postings are normally based on requirements for knowledge, skills, and abilities.

A knowledge of Mandarin is not required for underground miners in Canada.

It is my understanding that English and French are the two official languages of Canada and that Mandarin is not an official language of Canada . I am mystified as to why Mandarin would even be mentioned on a recruitment advertisement for underground miners in Canada.

Perhaps you can educate me and the rest of the population on the reasons for the appearance of this item on these advertisements.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

s22

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 10:24 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94871: Have you lost your mind! Chinese miners

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From: s22
Sent: October-24-12 9:46 AM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Have you lost your mind! Chinese miners

I'm appalled at your promotion of the hiring of 2000 Chinese miners in Canada. This back stabbing of the Canadian unemployed is sickening.

Why are you supporting this ? How much are you getting paid under the table?

As a born and bred Canadian with my great grand parents settling this country and two university students who will struggle to make it in our country thanks to policies like this, I will fight to see politicians with wrong headed policies thrown out of office.

How about protecting those that pay their taxes and who pay your bloated salaries??????

Sent from my iPad

s22

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Minister, EMH EMH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 3:08 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94873: MINE WORKERS FROM CHINA

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I've been told to refer these to you.

Ashley Stewart

Administrative Assistant to the Honourable Rich Coleman
Minister of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas
Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier
T: 250-387-5896 | F: 250-356-2965

From: Coleman.MLA, Rich [<mailto:Rich.Coleman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 5:03 PM
To: Minister, EMH EMH:EX
Subject: FW: MINE WORKERS FROM CHINA

From: s22
Sent: October-19-12 7:52 PM
To: Coleman.MLA, Rich
Subject: MINE WORKERS FROM CHINA

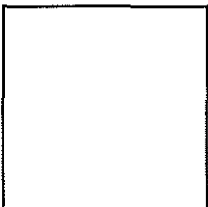
Dear Mr.Coleman,

I watched Global News last night about the possibility of chinese mine workers coming to B.C. to work here.This is already a reality all you need to do is get hold of mining inspection division in Smithers!!

Not Responsive

Not Responsive

.I am sorry,but
B.C. is setting themselves up for huge problems if things continue the way I think they will.The bad part is I vote Liberal both federally and provincially.The Premier is making a HUGE mistake here.



Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 8:43 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94875: Is this another HST Fiasco....??

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From: s22
Sent: October-19-12 6:37 PM
To: Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie; Coleman.MLA, Rich; van Dongen.MLA, John; Hogg.MLA, Gordon; Hansen.MLA, Colin; Hayer.MLA, Dave; Lekstrom.MLA, Blair; Christy Clark; Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Is this another HST Fiasco....??

Are you guys "Brain Dead"?

Your going to bring in a bunch of Chinese miners to take a 100,000 ton bulk sample....! (I don't believe it)

What a pile of crap...

You're selling us out....

Go ahead - I can hardly wait to trash your government OUT....

s22

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: s22
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2012 6:49 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX
Subject: 94877 Oct. 19/12 global evening news - Can't get Canadians to fill the jobs in underground mines?

What are these mines offering Canadians for wages to work in these underground mines?
Minimum Wage? Working underground can be dangerous and the wages offered to Canadians are probably very, very low.
Is this why 2000 chinese have been offered the jobs? Save Labor?
Did these mines even advertise these job openings in job markets or newspapers or on-line in Canada? I have not seen any job openings advertised!
The media will have to investigate this!

Also, all politicians/government " lie", that is how business is done with them!
Your parents brought you up and trained you to lie?
Shame on you!

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 8:43 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Cc: Ehl, Cameron JTST:EX
Subject: 94878: News Hour Mining Jobs

Categories: Batch File

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From: s22
Sent: October-19-12 7:06 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: News Hour Mining Jobs

On Behalf Of www.goldprojects.ca

Pat,

I'm a mining consultant/ Contractor here in Kamloops . I receive hundreds of emails from mine workers across BC and Canada every month, looking for work! After watching the Global News Hour i was most surprised on the story about BC mining companies who are looking to recruit miners from China. The only reason for this is the cost benefits for us mining employers! I know personally about 40 unemployed (experienced) miners in your own town of Prince George alone, looking for mining jobs! Not to mention Kamloops unemployed miners waiting for our New Ajax mine to open up and all the other miners across BC and Canada looking for work!

These Companies may have bluffed the government but not us, the public, I would like a call from you for your explanation for how these companies were allowed to recruit miners from China when there are minimal mining jobs right now, and so many miners looking for work!

If i do not receive a call from you by next Wednesday, we will plan a rally of unemployed miners to be held at your constituent office in Prince George and have all local and national media on site.

Sincerely,

Mr.Jan Charles Ross
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"A positive attitude always out performs market conditions"

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From: Minister, EMH EMH:EX
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2012 3:43 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94879: SUN HEADLINES: Chinese workers fill BC mining jobs

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Referral over to you. Can you please cc Minister Coleman as MLA in response.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Coleman.MLA, Rich [<mailto:Rich.Coleman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 12:17 PM
To: Minister, EMH EMH:EX
Subject: FW: SUN HEADLINES: Chinese workers fill BC mining jobs

-----Original Message-----

From: s22
Sent: October-10-12 10:54 AM
To: Coleman.MLA, Rich
Cc: poneil@postmedia.com; Premier Christy Clark; Mark Warawa MP MP; newsroom@langleytimes.com
Subject: SUN HEADLINES: Chinese workers fill BC mining jobs

Hello Rich,

As BC Mines Minister, do you support our families and youth? If you do, then can we see some action to hire and train our own instead of hiring from China? Meanwhile, before they arrive, would you please halt this plan to import alien underground miners to work our BC mines?

Citizens here would never consider bringing in a Mines Minister from China. We have plenty of good candidates. The same goes for miners.

Not Responsive

I'm with union leader Stephen Hunt. This latest bypassing of BC's and Canada's skilled workforce is "bullshit".

Will you explain why you feel this program to bring in 480 foreign workers will gather you, Premier Clark, and BC Liberal candidates more May votes?

Not Responsive

Sincerely,

s22

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: ServiceBC [ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2012 4:07 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 94889: General comment/feedback [#150541]

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From: s22
Date: 10/18/2012 3:56:11 PM
To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca
Subject: General comment/feedback

Below is the result of your feedback form at
(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/cmfgov/contact/index.html>).

It was submitted by s22 () on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 15:55:08

message: Just writing to comment on the governments policies of allowing foreign worker to be employed at B.C. Coal Mines. I have many family and friends in B.C. who are currently under or unemployed and am concerned about these types of policies. Rather than bringing in foreign workers, training programs should be put into place for capable citizens to have access to these types of jobs. I have no issue with bringing in foreign workers to train Canadians, but they should not be used to replace Canadians for these types of positions. Canada's natural resources are a blessing and should be used for the benefit of Canadians. There is little benefit if the resources are owned by foreign companies who bring in foreign nationals to extract those resources. Generally, I would consider myself anti-union, but I believe the United Steelworkers comments about this subject are quite valid and the government should look into this type of practice, especially considering the current!

economic conditions in B.C. and Canada.

Thanks for your time.

reply: yes

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: ServiceBC [ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 9:28 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95140: Questions about Government of B.C. programs and services [#151582]

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From: s22
Date: 10/26/2012 9:10:18 AM
To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca; s22
Subject: Questions about Government of B.C. programs and services

Below is the result of your feedback form at
(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/gov/contact/index.html>).

It was submitted by s22 on Friday, October 26, 2012 at
09:09:48

questionAbout: question

message: I keep reading in the media about temporary worker program permits being issued for Chinese-backed mines. Are these work permits granted for Canadian workers? This is NOT a race-based question but a request to ensure that CANADIAN employees (no matter what their ethnicity) requiring work are being given opportunities for job training and employment. I know many friends who are discussing this and are really concerned about whether or not we are providing employment for BC and Can residents at a time when it is sorely needed. ESPECIALLY here on Vancouver Island.

reply: yes

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From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 10:06 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95172: FYI CLAC position on Chinese miners

Categories: Batch File

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From: Pannu, Alex [<mailto:apannu@clac.ca>]
Sent: October-25-12 11:17 AM
To: Coleman.MLA, Rich; Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: FYI CLAC position on Chinese miners

October 23, 2012

Fort St. John, BC—As a participant in BC's mining sector, CLAC is deeply concerned about the BC government's recent statements about the lack of skilled mining workers and the need for Chinese workers to mine coal in the northeast part of the province.

In response, CLAC calls on the BC government to work with labour unions to find safe and constructive solutions to the province's skilled labour needs. Every effort needs to be made to see that local hires, including under-represented groups such as youth, First Nations peoples, and women have every opportunity to access these new jobs. BC workers need this kind of employment opportunity, and they should be at the head of the line for such positions.

CLAC has consistently called on governments and employers to implement hiring policies that put Canadian workers first. Creative and constructive solutions to skilled labour shortages do exist, and these solutions are also simply good economic policy.

For example, CLAC supports better relocation incentives and fly-in/fly-out policies that allow available skilled workers from one province to easily relocate or take available work in BC without unnecessary barriers or red tape. Such policies

would give BC employers better access to any available Canadian workers who have the required mining experience and expertise.

Far more also needs to be done in the training of apprentices. If BC does not have sufficient skilled labour to meet the needs of its mining sector, the BC government should work in partnership with the province's educational institutions and unions to create the required apprenticeship programs to meet these needs.

In short, every possible avenue to facilitate the hiring of BC and Canadian workers first should be pursued.

Worker safety is paramount. Since some of the companies involved in these new BC mining ventures do not adhere to Canadian standards of health and safety in their home country, CLAC is concerned about a possible lack of worker safety for workers employed by foreign companies. While some Canadian workers may learn from the mining expertise brought by skilled Chinese workers, some Chinese employers have much to learn about Canadian health and safety standards and how they are applied in the underground mining sector.

Given the remoteness of the new mines, regular safety inspections will be costly and time-consuming. CLAC calls on the BC government to adequately resource the inspection process so that all workers will have a safe workplace that meets or exceeds the current safety regulations.

As an independent Canadian union, CLAC is committed to working in partnership with all levels of government to find safe and constructive ways of addressing Canada's need for skilled workers, both now and in the future.

Alex Pannu LL.B.

Director of Communications & Marketing

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95203

Hon. Patrick Bell
Room 138
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Oct 23, 2012



Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to express my concern at the recent revelations that the government has approved the importation of 1600 to 2000 foreign workers to BC to work in the mining industry. These companies advertised jobs in Canadian mines at a rate of \$25 to \$30 per hour which is lower than what Canadian miners make. What's worse, according to undercover reporters the actual wage is between \$22 and \$25 per hour.

This deeply under-cuts Canadian wages in that industry. The job ads also suggested Mandarin language as a beneficial skill, excluding many Canadians from applying and allowing the company and the government to make the false claim that no Canadians want those jobs.

I am writing you to tell you that Canadians do indeed want those jobs. If a company is going to exploit our raw natural resources for a paltry royalty, shouldn't they also have a duty to provide jobs to Canadians at decent wages?

I have struggled during hard times to find any kind of employment. I have packed up all my things and driven to a new province with no job lined up, no place to stay, and not knowing anyone. Just for the chance of getting of a better job. I remember when I finally got a part-time job at a warehouse after looking for steady work for more than 1 year. That part-time warehouse job was a dream come true and just being able to work was like a Godsend. Despite years of trying, I only got my first full time job when I moved to Japan. Thanks Canada!

I really don't think anyone in Government really understands how hard it can be for smart, hardworking Canadians to find gainful employment sometimes. If they did, they wouldn't be selling off our jobs for a pittance. They wouldn't be selling off thousands of jobs to fatten the pockets of the super-rich with no benefit to the middle class at all.

But importing cheap foreign labour isn't just about selling off jobs. It also drives down wages for working Canadians. Why would your boss give you a raise if his competitors are already paying their workers less? The simple fact is, he won't. In this specific case, it is claimed the miners were offered only \$22-\$25/hr whereas the average wage for that position is more like \$31/hr. The company claims they can't find any Canadians willing to do the work. Poor them. If a certain company is having difficulty attracting workers, then they should RAISE the wage they are offering until the job becomes attractive to

applicants. *That's how capitalism is supposed to work.* If they have to pay \$32/hr then pay \$32/hr. But, instead of letting the market set wages, the government is allowing companies to exploit cheap labour from some of the poorest nations on Earth. This can only result in a downward pressure on Canadian wages.

And in fact, that is indeed what we have seen. In the past 30 years, wages have been stagnant in Canada. From 1980 to 2005, adjusting for inflation, annual earnings increased from \$41,348 to \$41,401 (in 2005 constant dollars), a mere \$53 over 25 years. Over the same time period, labour productivity in Canada rose 37.4% and the economy grew tremendously. Clearly not enough focus is being put on making sure working Canadians benefit from our growing economy.

The popular "Trickle-down economics" of the 1980s hasn't worked. Making the rich richer and freezing everyone else at 1980s wages is an absolute travesty. Especially when you are importing 2000 foreign workers to achieve that.

My wife is ^{s22} fluent in English and a university graduate. She is forbidden to work in Canada until the spouse visa application works its way lazily through the backlogged immigration system. We are told, the reasoning behind not allowing her to work is because she would take jobs away from "real" Canadians. So she sits at home, her career on hold and unable to contribute to her family and her new country by working. And yet, what is the other hand of the government doing? It's importing foreign workers in all manner of industries and sectors.

For our family, this means that foreigners who have no ties to Canada at all are being given a leg up over my family. New immigrants like my wife should be offered those jobs before any foreigner is imported to fill it.

The mining company claims that there aren't enough trained Canadians to do the work. The solution then, is to train Canadians to do the work. Send them to China for training if we have to. The BC government has known about this project for 5 years. That is more than enough time to train Canadians to fill all the available jobs. So why wasn't that done?

Then there is the disturbing allegation uncovered by a Tyee reporter that these foreign workers are actually PAYING \$12,500 for these jobs and are being promised citizenship for themselves and their families in return for this payment. According to media reports, there were 2000 jobs offered to the Chinese under this program. At \$12,500 per job that means the "recruiting company" can potentially make \$25 million dollars just by selling off Canadian jobs and citizenship.

Any government agency or person who has facilitated that kind of scheme in any way should be investigated and charged with criminal offenses. At the very least, heads should roll.

Companies that want to exploit our natural resources should be required to fill all the positions with Canadians, even if that means paying for some training or paying slightly higher wages. And if they really can't fill 100% of the positions, they should be required by law to pay the foreign workers more than what Canadians make in that field. To allow anything else is to attack the wages of working Canadians.

The government has spent the past 30 years enacting policies that enrich the super-rich and stagnant the workers of this country. Whether it has been tax structure and trade agreements that result in exporting our manufacturing jobs overseas, or importing cheap labour to Canada while Canadians struggle to find work. I suggest that we turn that around, and start enacting policies, like the ones I've mentioned in this letter, that benefit the middle class of this country and result in increasing real wages for all Canadians, lower unemployment and create a healthy, just society that rewards hard work rather than exploits it.

I took time out of my extremely busy day to write this letter because I feel strongly that the government is completely betraying Canadians on this issue. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

Sincerely,

s22

Sources:

Wages for Miners in Canada: <http://www.mining.com/2012-survey-of-canadian-mine-wages/>

Recruiters require payment: <http://thetyee.ca/News/2012/10/18/Chinese-Temp-Miners/>

Mandarin Requirement:
<http://www.theprovince.com/life/Mandarin+speaking+miners+draws+fire/7395942/story.html>

Stagnant Wages: <http://csis.ca/reports/csrs2008-8.pdf>

BC Government foreknowledge:
<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/bc2035/Craig+McInnes+known+years+plan+import+Chinese+miners/7371281/story.html>

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 8:54 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95917: Murray River Mine

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From: s22
Sent: December-13-12 12:07 AM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Murray River Mine

Dear Mr. Bell,

Can you please clarify and explain the information I am hearing about the Murray River Mine. In particular I'm referring to the following article:

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2012/12/12/hd-mining-murray-river-canadian-workers_n_2286447.html

Best Regards,

s22

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 1:57 PM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95920: Tumbler Ridge mine

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-----Original Message-----

From: s22
Sent: December-14-12 1:41 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: Tumbler Ridge mine

Dear Mr. Bell,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the handling of temporary foreign workers at the HD Mining site at Tumbler Ridge. It is now clear that HD Mining has no intention of hiring Canadian workers for at least four years. They intend to use "temporary" workers for 14 years. Why is B.C. not disallowing this situation of allowing what should be good Canadian jobs, mining Canadian coal from Canadian land, be handed over ENTIRELY to Chinese workers?

Is this your government's famous "B.C. Jobs Plan", planning jobs for foreign workers? What a disgraceful situation.

Your government should be hanging heads in shame. What a betrayal to B.C., its workers, and its taxpayers.

Sincerely,

s22

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 8:47 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: 95923: foreign workers

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-----Original Message-----

From: s22
Sent: December-13-12 6:29 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: foreign workers

To be such a strong proponent of the foreign workers program concerning HD Mining shows just how completely out of touch you are with the people of this province. You sir are clueless to what the voters feel about this charged issue. Come election time you will find out.

Just another upset voter.

Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: s22
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2012 6:22 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: Re: Temporary Foreign Workers Program

You mean in 14 years when it is estimated to be worked by a Canadian workforce. That is not good enough. You are and remain disconnected from the people of this Province.

Upset in B.C.

Not Responsive

December 7, 2012

**TERRY LAKE
618-B TRANQUILLE RD.
KAMLOOPS BC V8V 1X4**

K.N.T.

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Dear Terry Lake;

RE: TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS

We would like to take this opportunity to ensure you are aware of our concerns regarding the hiring of temporary foreign workers:

Our concerns lie in the fact that there are qualified people in British Columbia, and within Canada, who have a vested interest in these jobs. Employers need to make sure they hire employees residing in Canada, who are here and can do this work; and train employees in this industry. If we don't continue to train and look after our own youth and unemployed workers, our unemployment rates will continue to rise. We need to make sure the companies coming in keep the prevailing wage rates for these occupations in mining so that our local economies can continue to grow and the tax revenues paid to the government continue to support social programs. The Government often talks about job creation and how much it means to the Canadian economy, but by bringing in 200 temporary workers, this does nothing to help with job creation nor improve the local economies when the money foreign workers make will go back overseas.

We are requesting a meeting to discuss our concerns. Please contact us in our office at 250-554-2278.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

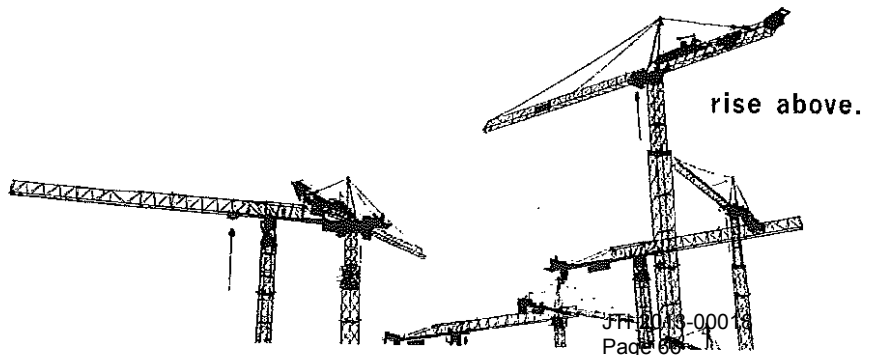
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Rob de Pfyffer and Brad Gerow



Members' Representatives

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Correspondence Services JTST:EX
Subject: 96001: Chinese Workers for a BC Coal Mine

From: EMNG Correspondence EMNG:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 2:23 PM
To: Correspondence Services JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Chinese Workers for a BC Coal Mine

I am forwarding the below Dec 14 incoming to JTST for appropriate action.

From: Minister, EMH EMH:EX
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 9:31 AM
To: EMNG Correspondence EMNG:EX
Subject: info/file FW: Chinese Workers for a BC Coal Mine

From: Coleman.MLA, Rich [<mailto:Rich.Coleman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 3:56 PM
To: Minister, EMH EMH:EX
Subject: FW: Chinese Workers for a BC Coal Mine

From: s22
Sent: December 14, 2012 10:08 AM
To: The Honourable Joe Oliver; The Honourable Lisa Raitt
Cc: Coleman.MLA, Rich; The Honourable Colin Carrie
Subject: Chinese Workers for a BC Coal Mine

Dear Honourable Members

As a Conservative supporter (Federally) and former worker in the natural resource industry who maintains interest in this field, I am very concerned and frankly appalled that a company can have 100% of it's workforce non-Canadian on a Canadian natural resource project. Does this forbode future Chinese methods in their development of other Canadian natural resource projects?

This situation would not be allowed to happen at any natural resource project in any other country. The Canadian manufacturing industry for consumer goods has been gutted - particularly in my home province of Ontario. Is our natural resource industry next? It will be, if cheap labour is allowed into this country in order to dodge our high working standards.

At a bare minimum, this company should be 'encouraged' by what ever means possible, to at least provide training for Canadians into it's mining methods. To say they cannot find Canadians with the required training is unbelievable to the point of being sheer nonsense. We Canadians are one of the best if not the best miners in the world and any miner can learn a different mining method quickly. All is required are a few experience engineers. In addition, our mine safety records are unparalleled.

I have never supported union grievances in the past but in this instance they are entirely correct in their demands and outlook as to what will happen in the natural resource industry if this Chinese company is allowed to do what they now propose. Their imported workers must not be paid less than Canadian standards, nor their worker's health and safety standards must not be compromised for we all know the poor safety record that exist in Chinese coal mines. **As it stands now, this mine has no benefit for Canada.**

Our Governments, both Federally and Provincially, must derive every benefit and job possible from the development of our non-renewable natural resources. Overall, Canada has a poor record in developing value added products from our raw natural resources. Jobs in the natural resource field are high paying and technical and are worth many times over a minimum wage job (with no benefits) in the service and retail industry. Our young unemployed citizens (of which there are too many) need training, experience and jobs. Canadian citizens will get no training and experience if our governments allow foreign-owned companies to import their own workers and discriminate against Canadians.

If Chinese workers are needed so badly they should be encouraged to immigrate.

Regards

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Correspondence Services JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Chinese Miners & Nexen

From: Minister, JAG JAG:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 2:00 PM
To: Cooper, Darla G JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Chinese Miners & Nexen

Hi there,

Forwarding to your ministry for your information.

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From: s22
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 12:37 PM
To: Jason Kenny
Cc: BC Conservatives; CIMM; Jim Flaherty; Peter Julian; Minister, JAG JAG:EX; Pierre Donais; Raymond Louie; Steven Harper; Lee.MLA, Richard LASS:EX
Subject: Chinese Miners Not Responsive

This 14 years business for Chinese Miners is not acceptable, we want this retracted and the firing of officials in human resources and foreign affairs.

Not Responsive

Not Responsive

Christy Clark and Pat Bell are responsible for this HD mining, they did not put any thought in this how Canadians will react, Clark, Bell must go after the next Provincial Election, they were not ignorant of this mining business

A message from a conservative voter

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Correspondence Services JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Chinese miners

From: Bell, MLA, Pat [mailto:Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 10:59 AM
To: Minister, JTST JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Chinese miners

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Sent: December-14-12 6:08 PM
To: Bell, MLA, Pat
Subject: Chinese miners

How can this be? The reason our standard of living has dropped so substantially over the last 30 years is that we have farmed out our lower skilled jobs to third world countries. Now you want to bring these workers here and take away the few jobs left for those people incapable of gaining higher skilled employment? When I was 20 s22 I made \$18/hour with benefits doing manual labour. I was able to afford a home \$55,000 and a new 4x4 as well as save for tuition for university. Now, s22 after two years of school, has a job as a renovation foreman earning \$20/hour without benefits. He cannot afford a vehicle let alone a \$500,000 home. Foreign companies using foreign workers should not be doing business in our country. Especially from countries run by dictators.

I am not an NDPer but surely even they must see the error of this. If you are not willing to take care of the working people of this province, then take care of yourself by stopping this. Surely this will stop any chance you have of being re-elected.

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Correspondence Services JTST:EX
Subject: FW: How is British Columbia benefiting from foreign workers at BC mine?

From: Bell.MLA, Pat [<mailto:Pat.Bell.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
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Sent: December-20-12 1:02 PM
To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Subject: How is British Columbia benefiting from foreign workers at BC mine?

How are British Columbians and Canada benefiting by allowing foreign workers at Tumber Ridge mine? As a Canadian I think this should not be allowed especially when there are Canadians that can and are willing to be trained and work at this mine. I can not believe that the Premier and yourself is allowing this to happen. When British Columbians head to the polls in the spring this will be on the minds of voters.

Regards,

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Hall, Jane M CSCD:EX

From: Correspondence Services JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Foreign workers

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To: Bell.MLA, Pat
Cc: Lake.MLA, Terry
Subject: Foreign workers

Mr. Bell: There is an old saying. If it walks like a duck, sounds like a duck, it must be a duck. If Chinese workers are coming in under the pre-tense that there are no workers skilled enough to do the job in B.C. and it doesn't sound right, then my bet is that it is not right. The company is arguing that skilled workers are not available and must bring in their own, sounds and feels like someone got paid off. This from a country known for underground mining disasters that happen all too frequently, have a secretive and closed mining industry, and you trust them? I am no miner, but I know when something stinks, and this stinks, something is being hidden, money is being exchanged at a high level, and high level people run for cover. Are you up to the task of asking the right questions? Or are you going to ride it out until the next election and hope for the best? I would be interested in your non political speak comments on how this is good for B.C. Regards.

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Re: Murray River Project


I am writing to follow-up on HD Mining's approved Labour Market Opinion (LMO) for 201 Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) for the Murray River Coal Project. It is unfortunate that some of the remarks in the media last week suggested dissatisfaction with the process followed by staff at the Service Canada regional office that led to the approval of our LMO's. It is the goal of HD Mining to comply with the spirit and intent of all regulatory requirements and everything IID did regarding the LMOs was discussed, reviewed and considered by department staff before the formal application was submitted. HD Mining believes we met and exceeded all program requirements and our plans to develop training programs have been enthusiastically received by those in the BC North who recognize the need for and the lack of such programs.

In reliance of the validity of these LMO's HD Mining proceeded to commit a significant capital investment of \$15 million to secure housing in Tumbler Ridge for mine workers. This investment is in addition to the \$30+ million HD Mining has already spent on Canadian goods and services. No one within the Canadian system has indicated at any time, that the LMOs are not reliable.

The legal and financial implications associated with the delay or loss of this project, and the significant negative impact this would have on the local community of Tumbler Ridge and Northeast BC as a whole cannot be overstated. Any such outcome would have a chilling effect on the willingness of companies to invest in Canada.

We have attached some additional information regarding the project and the need for Temporary Foreign Workers. We trust that you will find this information useful and should you require any additional documentation please let us know.

Sincerely,


Penggui Yan
Chairman

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HD Mining Backgrounder

HD Mining has started to develop the Murray River Project, an advanced underground coal mining project in North East British Columbia. The project started with a one hundred thousand (100,000) tonne bulk sample for which permitting is in place. HD Mining will be utilizing a long-wall mining construction method. This method of mining is not being used in Canada. Currently British Columbia has only one underground coal mine, therefore there is a lack of experienced underground coal miners. Due to the current shortage of experienced underground coal miners, HD Mining will have to hire qualified foreign mining workers for its underground coal mine in Tumbler Ridge.

As a Canadian employer, HD Mining endeavors over time to employ a 100% Canadian workforce. It is a goal of HD Mining to where practicable and possible transfer this skill to local Canadians. This will however take time and HD is proposing a multi-year training process during which HD Mining can work with local training institutions to establish the required skills.

Project Information/Benefits

The project will have a mine life of 40 years. The Project will provide about 600 direct jobs and 700 indirect jobs per year. A report prepared by PwC estimates total tax revenue to government at \$91.2M. To date, HD Mining has spent over \$33M on Canadian goods, contracts and services for the Project. There is a significant shortage of affordable housing in the District of Tumbler Ridge and local Council is opposed to camps on the community. To address this, HD Mining has recently committed an additional \$15M to purchase housing for mine workers in the community.

BC Need for Temporary Foreign Workers

The shortage of skilled workers in the mining sector is significant and widely recognized. In a 2011 Report prepared for the Mining Association of BC by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), PwC noted that "the most significant challenge to the growth of BC's Mining industry over the next five years will be to avoid a labour shortage brought about as a result of an aging workforce and a decline in human capital". Other reports like the *B.C. Labour Market Outlook: 2010 – 2020* and the Mining Industry Human Resources Council (MiHR), *BC Hiring Requirements and Talent Forecast, 2012*, confirm this shortage.

HD Mining made ongoing efforts to recruit a qualified workforce. However, our recruitment process showed an extreme shortage of Underground Coal Mining skills in Canada. This is compounded by the fact that HD Mining will be utilizing a mechanized long-wall mining construction method currently not being used in Canada. David Bazowski, chair of the B.C. Mineral Exploration and Mining Labour Market Task Force, which was established over three years ago by the federal government estimates that "over the next 10 years there could be anything from over 10,000 to 15,000 new jobs required to be filled in the mining industry".

Labour Market Opinion

HD Mining received a positive LMO for 201 Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) on April 25, 2012 from HRSDC. The HD Mining LMO package met all regulatory and information requirements and HD Mining voluntarily submitted a Training and Transition Plan as part of our LMO application. This plan was discussed and reviewed by senior officials from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Service Canada and the Provincial Chief Inspector of Mines. HD Mining has discussed its training plan with the Northern Lights College and the BC Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training on training and curriculum development. An LOU with Northern Lights College has been drafted.

HD Mining has responded to all inquiries made by officials and Service Canada staff have confirmed that HD Mining met all the requirements of the process. HD Mining has initiated quarterly meetings with Service Canada and the BC Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training to provide updates on the progress of our Training and Transition Plan.

HD Mining TFW Policy

All the TFWs are employees on the payroll of Huiyong Holdings Group China, the parent company of HD Mining in China. HD Mining will not be sponsoring immigration by its workers to Canada. A condition of their employment is that they must return to their base positions in China. HD Mining does not use agents as was suggested by media reports and has no connection whatsoever with the company that was proposing to charge workers a fee to work at mines in Canada.

TFWs hourly pay will be competitive and consistent with the hourly rate for the same or similar positions as established by the InfoMine Benchmark Hourly Wages Scale, which is adjusted annually. HD Mining, will follow all Canadian and B.C. safety rules and will ensure that employees are treated fairly. The employment contract signed with each TFW and the benefit package includes WCB, MSP (including the commercial medical insurance during the transitional period), annual paid leave, optional dental insurance, and CPP.

The costs to use TFW's for HD Mining is significant and it would be more cost effective to use Canadians if the underground long wall mining skill set was available in BC.

HD Commitment to the Community

HD seeks to integrate with the local community. To achieve this objective, HD Mining has purchased 43 duplex houses in downtown Tumbler Ridge. HD Mining is committed to becoming an integral member of the community and to operate a safe and environmental-friendly mining operation.

While HD Mining requires TFWs experienced in underground mining, this project will and already has created new jobs for Canadians in the following areas:

Bulk Sample - ground surface construction preparation, design and environmental management and baseline information requirements for Provincial environmental assessment have been and will continue to be subcontracted to local Canadian companies.

Full Mine Production –when operational, mine site construction and operational mine jobs including: Mine Electricians, Mine & Equipment Operators, Office Clerks, and Support Workers.

For both of these activities, local jobs in the District of Tumbler Ridge and surrounding local communities have and will be created in areas such as: facilities/accommodations, food services, medical services, recreation/entertainment centres and downtown businesses.

HD Mining hopes to bring into British Colombia not only a safe and efficient mining method that would stand alone, but also a new and viable chain of industry activities. This new chain of mining activities will include the growth of local skills and local supplies, so that the entire British Colombia has a new opportunity to gain, and indeed to excel.

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Subject: Regarding HD Mining

Good Day Minister Bell;

I'm writing to voice my concern about the deepening friction that appears to be unfolding regarding the HD Mining fiasco. I'm not one to get overly involved in matters, I'm too aware that there are always circumstances that I may not be aware of, that may play significant roles in matters of decisions which I'm not party to. I'm aware that often the government needs to make decisions with limited information and that it has to try to balance competing interests.

That said, based on a record of less than stellar ethical performance by the previous Liberal Premier (which ended up having him exit politics), and the patronizing manner with which the current group in Victoria want to tell me, as a citizen of this province, that everything is on the up and up, with an eye to clinch the next election... well, let's just say I didn't just fall off the cabbage wagon.

I know this whole program also involves the Federal Government. My question would be, if you (by "you" I mean the Ministry and Liberal Government in general) knew of what was coming down the pipe, why would you not have done more, sooner. Much more could have been done to prepare training for British Columbians (we could have sent our miners to China to learn from them but I guess that wouldn't sit well with China now would it). If this plan was being hatched more than 4 years ago, that would have allowed miners to go through a complete apprenticeship...

To think that the Chinese government (whom I believe really do call the shots with HD Mining despite a lot of people's denial) will play fair is nothing short of naive. Now with this latest escalation where a miner filed an absolutely ridiculous Human Rights complaint (of course without any prompting by his employer or Government) things will only get worse. Am I the only one that sees the insincerity of this move by HD Mining? And you're telling me I can trust this company? If you think China has flexed it's muscles yet, give it time, we haven't seen anything yet.

By continuing to support this venture you will undoubtedly bring about a demise in your political success. The reality is that I see a Ministry that did little to show BC that it had the workers and citizens of BC in mind when they had the opportunity to do something different quite a few years prior to this moment.

China will prey on the weaker entities quite simply because they can. They are masters of manipulation and care little about their citizens' rights, to think they would care more about another country's citizens is foolish. I've spent time in China, I've had experiences that support my assertions.

I could go on about why your and the Government's current position is really a bad idea but I leave that to the pundits.

What I would like to express is that I've really lost faith in your party and this will be reflected in my vote at the next election. I feel you sold me and many other citizens of this province out.

I had a lot of faith in you when you first got elected as a Liberal candidate, through to when you became the MLA where I once lived, so much that I voted in support of you. It's unfortunate that this has changed so much.

With regret;

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