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Hon. Christy Clark  
West Annex  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

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Oct 23, 2012

Dear Madam,

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?

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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.

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working. And yet, what is the other hand of the government doing? It's importing foreigner 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 s22 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 stagnate 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,

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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://csls.ca/reports/csls2008-8.pdf>

**BC Government foreknowledge:**

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

MS. CHRISTIE CLARK M.L.A. 604-775-1688

DEAR PREMIER CLARK

THE GOV. TREATS ORDINARY PEOPLE  
LIKE "MUSHROOMS", <sup>^</sup> LED THEM B.S & KEPT  
THEM IN THE DARK. CANADIANS HAVE  
BEEN MINING COAL FOR OVER 150 YRS.  
BRING<sup>ING</sup> IN CHINESE MINERS IS UNACCEPTABLE.  
WE HAVE 8 TO 10% UNEMPLOYMENT IN  
CANADA, & YOU TALK<sup>ED</sup> ~~NEW~~ YEARS AGO  
THIS WOULD HAPPEN, WHY WASN'T A  
TRAINING PLAN ON THIS TYPE OF  
EQUIPMENT OFFERED TO CANADIANS, BACK  
THEN. NO OTHER COUNTRY THAT I KNOW  
OF WOULD GIVE AWAY RESOURCES  
& JOBS LIKE THE FEDS. & PROVINCIAL  
GOVS. HAVE DONE. I THINK IN THE  
SPRING THE MUSHROOMS WILL TURN.

December 23, 2012

Premier Christy Clark,

HD Mining International – Chinese owned – requires that their workers in British Columbia Canada speak Mandarin. This excludes most Canadian miners from qualifying for jobs with HD Mining.

**“No Canadian hires for four years at Chinese owned B.C. mine” –see attached copy!**

**“HD Mining plans to use up to 201 workers from China to staff the mine.”**

**“It plans to phase in a Canadian work force . . . in the subsequent 10 years, at a rate of 10 % per year.”**

**You are guilty of turning over employment IN CANADA to the Chinese NOW IN CANADA! How Pathetic! You sold out Canadian workers with a secret agreement – the contents of which became public by the B.C. Federation of Labour by court order. Canadian workers are NOT PLEASED!**

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# No Canadian hires for four years at Chinese-owned B.C. mine

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MINING REPORTER  
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## Mine: Another 60 workers arrive this month

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With files from reporter Wendy  
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From: ServiceBC [mailto:ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 5:45 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Re: General comment/feedback [#149115]

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From: Anonymous.                   S22  
Date: 10/10/2012 2:26:48 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 Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 14:25:56

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

It's really an indictment of the BC Liberals and their failed employment and education policies that we are importing hundreds or even thousands of cheap "temporary" labourers from China instead of providing good long term mining jobs to unemployed BC citizens desperate for jobs. SHAME ON YOU!!!!

reply: no

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From: s22 [mailto:s22]  
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 8:36 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Joe.oliver@parl.gc.ca; Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca  
Subject: BC Jobs

Dear Premier Clark,

I support your jobs initiative, but was saddened to see the Federal approval of 200 "temporary" Chinese miners starting work in Tumbler Ridge, because there are no skilled British Columbians or even other Canadian coal miners from other areas of our vast country, who have mining skills. I was further dismayed to read that the mining Industry will import another 1600 -2000 Chinese worker because of lack of skilled BC miners.

I support your position on the Enbridge Pipeline. My concern is shipping crude oil down the Douglas Channel. Undoubtedly, there will be a massive project or projects to export Alberta Oil/Oil products -the question is -will these be off shore jobs or jobs for skilled British Columbians? The BC coal mining Industry seems to be providing the answer, sadly, to that question.

My view is that there needs to be a review of the rate of speed of these projects which are apparently forced to import skilled labor, while British Columbians and workers in other parts of Canada are underemployed, due to a lack of skills.

BC is apparently ,not ready to take advantage of the good jobs that come with the controversial export of our resources.

I hope you are able to convince the Federal Government that this not the way to develop our resources or create jobs for British Columbians.

Regards

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From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 4:58 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Chinese Coal Workers

I was reading an article about hundreds of Chinese workers coming to BC to fill mining jobs because Canadians lacked the skills in underground mining, are you serious? Please don't give this to the NDPs to hold against you in the next election.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Chinese+workers+fill+mining+jobs/7366971/story.html#ixzz28unU2hhU>

Thanks,  
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From: S22 mailto: S22  
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 9:08 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Chinese Workers in BC Mines

Dear Premier Clark

You made a very poor decision to allow Chinese workers into BC mines. You deceived residents of this province by not making this condition clear when you announced this mining venture when you were in China. Deception (by omitting those nasty little details) is not the same as lying, but it ranks in the same general area.

As a man in my mid twenties I worked underground in British Columbia. It was an excellent work experience and there was no question that the safety standards where the highest that I experienced up to that point in time.

Given enough advance notice, BC could have easily found sufficient qualified underground coal experts by just looking in Canada, or perhaps through a permanent immigrant program. These Chinese nationals will live in some camp, will contribute nothing to the local economy and will leave when their term is up (unless, of course, they run to Vancouver and hide themselves away in the underground black market).

How dare you even consider this decision without consulting the BC population? How dare you? Don't you think that my son or other young people from BC might consider working underground given the opportunity? Did you even ask anyone? How about those highly qualified miners from elsewhere in Canada, like those miners in Nova Scotia? There are a very great many qualified Canadians for this work. You just didn't look hard enough or fully think through the actual consequences of this decision.

This is a mistake. This was probably part of the sneaky political side of the deal to get the money.

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Start putting your money where your mouth is and ensure that BC workers get first crack at these jobs so that they can pay back to the BC and Canadian economies for the rest of their lives.

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From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 3:53 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: China workers

Hi

I challenge the BC Liberal party to hire 3 of these workers to run your campagne that only speak 100 works.

They will be free to hire local or forgien works as needed to get you elected

This is a bulshit sell out of the people / youth in BC

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From: ServiceBC [mailto:ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca]  
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 10:37 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Re: General comment/feedback [#149154]

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From: Anonymous S22  
Date: 10/10/2012 4:53:39 PM  
To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca  
Subject: General comment/feedback

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message: Are you seriously gonna let this happen?

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/Chinese+workers+fill+mining+jobs/7366971/story.html#ixzz28unU2hhU>

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From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 7:07 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: filling BC jobs with foreign workers

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. Canada is up for sale to whoever wants it. Even the Russian President Putin figured out raw log exports to China is incredibly bad for a local economy and put large tariffs on Russian raw logs to curb the rape and pillage of Siberia. Very poor, though out, extremely bad idea BC liberal forest management. This is just like what we do with our heavy oil we ship it unrefined to either the US or China where they refine it and make the real money. We have been giving our raw materials away forever when's it going to stop. Way to go LIBERALS, we send them good solid logs and they send us back computer desks, coffee tables, dressers and chairs made of sawdust and glue. I find it ironic in that the province is broke, and still issuing massive royalty credits to liberal supporting non resident gas producers. Maybe if they had all the revenue from natural gas instead of giving most of it away they could assist with some other programs. Maybe ensuring that the most income tax revenue is generated by natural gas service jobs, rather than evaporating into China would also help on the revenue side. Maybe not giving a way dividend paying assets like BC Rail would help with the revenue side. premier Clark and senior liberal bureaucrats are so out of touch & lack any basic common they are sense there are simply unaware of their own gross incompetence. Public preconception is everything. They are incapable are understand that. When you have to sell govt assets!!!!!! I can see another type BC Rail scam in the making. When you sell assets to cover regular spending, you are either in big trouble, or are being really stupid... I thought that was a joke when I first read that. Canada is up for sale to whom ever wants to expressly BC. After so many years of selling off BC to foreign powers and filling BC with foreign workers (legit and illegal) there will be a payback for the LIBERALS at election time. Unelected premier Clark was misquoted when she said "Families first" I think she actually said " Let's tax families first."

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Saturday, October 13, 2012 7:35 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Foreign Workers Getting Coal Jobs

Dear Ms. Clark

I have just found out that Your Government plans to give NEW Jobs in the Coal Mines to  
Guest Workers from China !

Apparently your government has known about this deal for YEARS !

THIS IS DISGUSTING AND OUTRAGEOUS !

What about jobs for the people of BC FIRST !

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From: s22 [mailto: s22 |  
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 11:29 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject:

Honourable Cristy Clark

If you think that those chinese coal miners are going to vote for you you had better think again. This province should be doing more to train people for our primary industries because working at walmart does not buy houses or even cars. S22

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Yours sincerely,  
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From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 7:03 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Chinese foreign workers

I was dismayed to hear through the media of your support for the Chinese mining company coming into BC and the way they choose to do business.

I will not support this. If someone advertised a job in Richmond and said English speaking people need not apply, our society would be upset. But apparently it is ok with you that Canadians in Canada have to be able to speak mandarin to apply for these jobs. Absolutely disgusting.

Why can we not train our people to do these jobs. We mine potash underground and while it is a different color than coal we do it safely and productively.  
The potash industry has not killed 50,000 people in the last 10 years.

If this is your jobs plan, I am disappointed. I have never been more offended by the actions of a company and

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Yours truly,

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From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 5:30 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: NO CHINESE MINERS

Is it not enough that our jobs keep being farmed out to China? Now your bringing in Chinese workers to fill OUR jobs. This is all part of a game you and big business are playing and the BC people deserve better, stop allowing companies to low ball wages so they can bring in foreign workers to steal OUR jobs

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From: info@thetyee.ca [mailto:info@thetyee.ca]  
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2012 7:30 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: s22 has sent you a message from The Tyee

The Tyee

s22 thought you would like to see the The Tyee web site.

Message from Sender:

These are the SKILLED WORKERS coming to work in OUR B.C. MINES???? These are not skilled workers, they are being offered training at an additional cost. I can only assume the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is getting a piece of the pie OR ELSE THEY WOULD TRAIN CANADIANS.

SHAME ON HARPER/REFORM, LIBERALS and the SILENT OPPOSITION. WE WILL NOT FORGET. CHINA GETS WORK IN CANADA NOT CANADIANS.

Recruiters Charging BC-Bound Chinese Temp Miners \$12,500

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From: ServiceBC [mailto:ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 10:06 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Re: General comment/feedback [#150167]

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From: Anonymous. s22  
Date: 10/16/2012 7:18:30 PM  
To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca  
Subject: General comment/feedback

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(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/cmfi/gov/contact/index.html>).

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message: Chinese Coal Miners ; what is Ms. Clark and her cronies thinking? I am appalled at this initiative to bring in 2000 underpaid workers from China. s22 again, this sealed the deal. I refer you to an article in the 24 hour newspaper today written by Bill Tielmen who brings to light the audacity of this government. I will refer that article to many, and make sure they know this is happening. I am s22

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From: s22 [mailto:s22 ]  
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2012 8:54 AM  
To: pm@pm.gc.ca; duncan; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Make them use CANADIAN TECHNOLOGY, DUH!

NDP immigration critic Jinny Sims, MP for Newton-North Delta, said the federal government has opened the door to such abuses by dramatically expanding the number of TFWs. "Nobody can convince me that we cannot find workers to work in the mines in B.C. from around Canada," she said.

The companies insist they are unable to find Canadian workers with the skills and experience to work in underground mines using Chinese technology.

Read more:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Chinese+company--slams+worker+recruitment+tactics/7412519/story.html##ixzz29wukXkEO>

Seriously, You expect the Canadian public to believe this pile of BULL! You insult us,

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From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2012 5:27 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; XT:Lineker, Dianne E LASS:IN;  
Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca  
Subject: Re: BC Jobs

Thank You for your reply,

I have read the myths and facts. I don't want to be too harsh, but it seems similar to the approach to raw log exports. We export logs because it requires less capital investment and dealing with all the requirements for saw milling. Exporting logs is much simpler, and more profitable for logging companies. It also employs fewer British Columbians. If there were no log exports, logging companies would find a way to market saw milled products. Trees and Coal will keep.

If the BC Government is really a "jobs first" government, we would train BC workers as long face miners for the jobs. It can't be that complicated. British Columbians used to be world leaders in Pulp and Paper technology- much more complex than coal mining. Somehow, companies trained British Columbians to be papermakers- world class.

No problem hiring a few temporary Foreign trainers and supervisors until the Canadian Miners are proficient. It is a shame that Mining Companies are permitted to avoid the training costs to fast track projects that have limited benefits to British Columbians, and potential Canadian employees.

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S22 The opponents appear to be correct on the lack of employment opportunities for local residents. The BC government needs to address these issues. I'm pleased that British Columbians feel this way about our resources and our future.

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From: s22 [mailto:s22 |]  
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2012 3:42 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX; Coleman.MLA, Rich LASS:EX  
Subject: Where are the jobs for British Columbians

Madame Premier,

With all your trips to China to bring investment to BC mining developments I was disappointed, but not surprised, to hear that hundreds of Chinese workers are now coming to take the jobs you promised British Columbians.

The rationale for this, that there are not enough qualified people in Canada, is not surprising considering they are required to speak Mandarin. I would hope that you will now plan on making Chinese a mandatory course in the education system so that British Columbians will be able to work in the resource industry.

Telling us they will be paid the same as Canadian workers shows you think we are either ignorant or naive. We all know what has happened with Chinese workers in the oil sands industry. They were not being paid in Canada, they were paid in China, where there were not given their full wages, the companies took a cut of the money. They also have to pay back the job brokers who charge them for being recruited if they want to come to work in Canada.

You have given speeches and spoken in interviews and said how much you support families, it's time for your government to stop talking and show us that this is not acceptable and you will not allow this to happen in BC. Either stop these workers from coming and force these companies to employ Canadians or you will have to answer to the people in the upcoming election.

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From: S22 [mailto: S22]  
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2012 6:41 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: foreign workers [Chinese families first]

Hello Premeir Clark Pat Bell,Chinese minster of labor,Thank for putting BC up for sale to whom ever wants it.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 The federal government needs to revoke the company's Work Permit as the Labour Market Opinion (LMO) should never have been granted by HRSDC in the first place.I have a feeling our language law in Quebec would prevent this somewhat poor though out idea to scam passive, gullible , lazy dumb canadains.It sure appears the BC Liberals are resigned to the fact that they will be badly losing the next election and they are maxing out their credit cards,increasing pension and severance packages and they don't care what BC taxpayers and voters think anymore since they will be able to walk away from all the massive messes they have created.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. Canada is up for sale to whoever wants it.This is just like what we do with our heavy oil we ship it unrefined to either the US or China where they refine it and make the real money. We have been giving our raw materials away forever when's it going to stop.Way to go LIBERALS, we send them good solid logs and they send us back computer desks, coffee tables ,dressers and chairs made of sawdust and glue.Why do not we fire all steelworker and hire foreign workers who will work 18 hours a day send the money back home and bribe money back home to a former communist regime. and work for three dollars a day .Think premier Christy Campbell Clark Pat Bell of the shareholder profit because you and i know that this about corporate foreign corporate profits.The Chinese owner might make liberals approving the foreign worker program patronage jobs.Even he Russian President Putin figured out raw log exports to China is incredibly bad for a local economy and put large tariffs on Russian raw logs to curb the rape and pillage of Siberia. Very poor , though out, extremely bad idea BC liberal forest management.Honest BC taxpayer should should be able to vote too revoke or cancel the pension and severance packages the bureaucrats and MLA voted themselves.This is one of many reasons most taxpayers despise politicians and appointed burocrat .It so simple premier Clark and PAT Bell even a dumb sawmill worker soon to replaced by a chinese labour???, could happen the way the liberals run BC, It is simple let the BC taxpayers take a VOTE.Enbridge has hired and has on staff the best professional trained lobbyists in the business and certain politicians will get rich from the secret deals they deny.Prime minster Stevie Harper is doing everything in his power to dismantle every environmental protection law Canada has created.More than two-thirds of Canada is owned by foreign entities, sending a majority of the industry's profits out of the country and BC takes 100% of the environmental risk.Buying back our own Gas and Oil make no sense.

From: S22  
Sent: October-16-12 3:12 PM  
To: Christy Clark.MLA  
Subject: Chinese family first

Hello, Premier Clark was misquoted when she said "Families first" I think she actually said "Let's tax families BC first and use the money to support foreign immigrants that have not put one nickel into Canada. The BC Liberal party motto: "Pay More! Get Less!"

The BC incompetent liberals are directly responsible for the cuts in training programs. The fact that the actual land and logging rights are being sold to Chinese companies. They can do whatever they want and hire whoever they want. I guarantee you they are not in business to benefit Canadians. Canada is up for sale to whoever wants it. This is just like what we do with our heavy oil we ship it unrefined to either the US or China where they refine it and make the real money. We have been giving our raw materials away forever when's it going to stop. Way to go LIBERALS, we send them good solid logs and they send us back computer desks, coffee tables, dressers and chairs made of sawdust and glue. I see another another type BC Rail scam in the making. The Liberals are going to make sure their corporate pals are taking care off. Clearly, Clark's damage control team is working overtime (which almost has become a daily exercise) trying to get her off the hook. Unfortunately for her and the liberals, the hook keeps burying itself deeper and deeper every time she opens her mouth. How many times can she and her high priced spin doctors say the word "may" without losing all credibility? After so many years of selling off BC to foreign powers and filling BC with foreign workers (legit and illegal) there will be a payback for the LIBERALS. and election time, not to mention a full scale inquiry into the BC rail sales fraud scandal.



From: S22 [mailto:S22]

Sent: Friday, October 19, 2012 6:37 PM

To: Cadicux.MLA, Stephanie LASS:EX; Coleman.MLA, Rich LASS:EX; van Dongen.MLA, John LASS:EX; Hogg.MLA, Gordon LASS:EX; Hansen.MLA, Colin LASS:EX; Hayer.MLA, Dave LASS:EX; Lekstrom.MLA, Blair LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX

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 -

S22

S22

From: S22 [mailto: S22 ]  
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2012 12:53 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Coal mine proposal and the TFWP

Dear Premier Clark,

I would like to share my thoughts on the proposed use of temporary foreign workers at the four coal mines in BC's north. Two things about this situation are particularly frustrating, and are rooted in overt hypocrisy. 1) While advocating for the economic and employment benefits of projects like the Northern Gateway, making the ultimatum that it will be approved "for a price", the price for labour is a race to the bottom. The coal mine is an example of a large resource extraction project like the N. Gateway, and here many of the economic benefits are being exported while under employment in the North is high. So what will the case be with the Northern Gateway? Will those few thousand construction jobs go to the Chinese too? 2) I applaud you for setting the goal to have BC's power be carbon neutral. But, if the climate is important to the government, then why encourage the export of coal? Burned here or in Asia, we share an atmosphere.

So, I ask you what the real values of the government are, and I ask you to restrict the use of foreign temporary workers and the expansion of coal export in BC.

Thank you.

S22

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 8:34 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Fwd: Chinese Settlement in B.C.

Premier: Please think this out ! Please stop it from happening !

S22

Begin forwarded message:

From: S22  
Date: October 20, 2012 6:58:53 AM PDT (CA)  
To: thecurrent <thecurrent@cbc.ca>  
Subject: Chinese Settlement in B.C.

Dear Anna Maria:

Let us try to look into the future.

The Chinese are investing heavily in coal mining in northern B.C. Premier Christie Clark is very happy about it. The Chinese are planning to bring in their own workers, 2000 workers; because, they say, they cannot find qualified workers here. These workers will come only for less a year. But, of course, there will be "unforeseen" difficulties developing, which make it necessary to extend their stay. In the end, it is not fair to have these miners separated from their families for such a long time; so, we should grant the families entry to Canada.

Well, how easy is it to encourage one person to leave Canada again? Now imagine a small town full of people, families with children born here.....

I would call this "the first Chinese settlement in Canada".

Are our politicians naive?? Are we being taken in by money the way our natives were taking by buttons?

Scary!

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From: S22 [mailto:S22] |  
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 8:08 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: 80 Foreign Miners and the Quick Hole

S22

Re: 80 Chinese Foreign Miners Approved for a "Quick" Hole

Dear Hon. Christie Clarke,

No! No! No! Noo-ooo!

We don't need a "QUICK" hole in BC! And we certainly don't need 80 Chinese miners to do it!

The resources in Canada are meant to benefit the people of Canada and that means the workers of Canada too. Why does this mining company need to get in and out in 8 months? Why can't we have 5 experienced Chinese miners (if we need them) train 25 of our Canadian miners to do the job?

If we let any mining company bring in foreign workers (at substandard wages) for such a large operation (likely 80 people working 3 shifts every 24 hours 7 days per week for 8 months - is not small), what will we end up with afterwards:

1. A situation where we still do not have experienced Canadian workers to open a possible larger mine,
2. A situation where this company (or other mining companies) will want to bring in even more foreign "experienced" miners in the future,
3. No future Canadian workers and taxpayers in the mining industry.

Not only that, the Chinese mining companies have the WORST safety record in the world, so why would we want to bring these miners here? Will they follow Canadian safety standards? Since most of them will not speak or read English, they will simply follow their Chinese speaking managers' directions. Is this company going to be required to follow our mining rules and safety regulations? Who has to pay for the inspectors to ensure this? I am concerned about the environmental impact of the tailings after these people have left. Will we have to deal with landslides and subsequent river floods?

Any mining companies or corporations that NEED so many foreign workers have to be suspect in their plans and the execution of their work. Why would they spend so much money to bring in foreign workers and NOT train any Canadian workers? At the end of this "Quick Hole" there will still be no trained Canadians for a future mine if it is viable. Are they really just checking to see if we have a possible future mine or are they planning to extract everything they can and then leave. The attitude of "rape the landscape and run" is not what we need in Canada.

If you can't reverse this terrible decision, at the very least, we, the taxpayers had better be prepared to pay for 40 inspectors (who can't be bought) to be on site and monitoring every move that is made.

I am obviously not involved in or connected to the mining industry at all, but even I can see a real problem here.

Sincerely,

S22

cc. Douglas Horne, MLA  
Hon. James Moore

From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 4:32 PM  
To: Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Alice Wong; Bob Zimmer; Cathy McLeod; Colin Mayes; Dan Albas; David Wilks; Ed Fast; Gerry Ritz; Hedy Fry; James Lunney; James Moore; John Baird; John Duncan; John Weston; Kerry-Lynne Findlay; Libby Davies; Mark Strahl; Mark Warawa; Nathan Cullen; Nina Grewal; Randy Kamp; Richard Harris; Ron Cannan; Russ Hiebert; Stephen Harper; Wai Young; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Cantelon.MLA, Ron LASS:EX; Stephen Harper  
Subject: Hiring of Chinese Workers in BC

Mr Harper and Ms Clark,

So, this is how the two of you want to put Canadians back to work? You, Mr. Harper, passed the laws to allow foreign workers to come into Canada to work for lower wages and higher profits for your crony construction company pals. Ms. Clark, is this how your Families First propaganda works? Chinese workers to replace the people of BC. The recruiters have said that the Canadians who applied did not qualify. What??? They couldn't understand Mandarin???

And, now we here that the Chinese workers will more or less have to pay a head tax to work here. Naturally, the local companies deny this. But, shake your head, the people from these local companies are communists which have no rule of law in their country. Since when do we have to do business with these people?

Mr. Cantelon, are you going to push for Chinese workers in the mine north of where I live? I mean, why not?? They will work for less and I am sure Christy will give you permission to promote this.

The Rest of You Conservative BC MPs: Is this how you want the people of BC treated. You first want to allow a Chinese oil company to buy an oil company. What's next? Allowing Chinese workers to build and run the pipeline? You are all sitting on your hands and allowing this to happen while Herr Harper passes the laws without Parliamentary debate? Why not, you will all get your cheques in the mail under the table.

THESE ARE ALL ACTS OF TREASON ON YOUR PART. The demonstration on the grounds of the Legislative Buildings today, of which I was a part, give clear indication of how Canadians feel about what your treasonous actions are.

S22

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Subject: Ripping us and our children off

Hi Premier

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S22

From: S22  
Sent: October 19, 2012 1:54 PM  
To: Palmer, Vaughn (Vancouver Sun)  
Subject: Clark rejecting mine

Artical: BC Liberals reject mine raises questions, 19/10/12

Don't be STUPID you mean that you can't read between the lines

The Government just figured out that because Harper has let mines in BC take on Chinese workers if any other mine opens up we will have another 2,200 person years more Temporary works in BC on a massive scale stripping our land, robbing our children of a future because they speak more than 100 words...you wouldn't want that in an election year, all the money earned in these schemes goes to the Government, nothing for my life savings, the more they make the more they spend to create tolls. I don't blame the Liberals, I believe Harper has slipped this in with those megabills, conned us all.

S22

From: Christy Clark.MLA [mailto:Christy.Clark.MLA@leg.bc.ca]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 9:04 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:FX  
Subject: FW: Sellout of BC/Canada

From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: October-22-12 9:35 PM  
To: Christy Clark.MLA; stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca; Bell.MLA, Pat  
Cc: Abbott.MLA, George; Austin.MLA, Robin; Bains.MLA, Harry; Barisoff.MLA, Bill; Barnett.MLA, Donna; Bennett.MLA, Bill; Black.MLA, Dawn; Bloy.MLA, Harry; Bond.MLA, Shirley; Brar.MLA, Jagrup; Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie; Cantelon.MLA, Ron; Chandra Herbert.MLA, Spencer; Chong.MLA, Ida; Chouhan.MLA, Raj; Coell.MLA, Murray; Coleman.MLA, Rich; Conroy.MLA, Katrine  
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2012 October 21

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Yours truly

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Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 12:07 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: RE: Chinese Coal Workers

I read the latest news on the issue and I am happy to hear that the government is investigating this issue further. Now you just have to put up a good fight against the NDP in the next election.

Thanks,  
S22

Not Responsive

From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 4:58 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Chinese Coal Workers

I was reading an article about hundreds of Chinese workers coming to BC to fill mining jobs because Canadians lacked the skills in underground mining, are you serious? Please don't give this to the NDPs to hold against you in the next election.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Chinese+workers+fill+mining+jobs/7366971/story.html#ixzz28unU2hhU>

Thanks.  
S22

From: S22 [mailto: S22 ]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 1:49 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: RE: Sellout of BC/Canada

Clicking on this web address simply brings up blank page as does entering address on keyboard.

At 01:18 PM 10/24/2012, you wrote:

We posted some additional info on line: <http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2012/10/further-myths-and-facts-on-temporary-foreign-workers.html>

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From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 11:14 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: Minister, JTST JTST:EX  
Subject: RE: Ripping us and our children off

Hi

I am so tired of the crap you keep giving, so as BC or North American workers come available they can get a job at the mine or must they speak the foreign of the mine, give your head a shake. All you guys care about in how much you can bring in, its going to bight you in the ass big time ass.

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Not Responsive

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S22

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

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 7:49 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: Jarvis Dan MLA; Yamamoto.MLA, Naomi LASS:EX  
Subject: Missing information on Chinese coal miners

Dear Premier:

The story about the Chinese miners coming into Canada raised so many questions, that it boggles the mind that your Provincial Govt. has not yet provided full details. But at the very least for example we need to know...

What are the employment arrangements: have any miners already been hired, and have similar jobs actually been advertised in Canada?

Do the employment arrangements cover the admission of the miners families into Canada?

In the event of illness etc., requiring the use of our medical facilities, who pays for this?

Are there sufficient mining inspectors in BC to monitor such a large operation?

Who in our Province was responsible for, and actually arranged the deal?

Thank you.

S22



From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 7:25 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: john.weston@parl.gc.ca  
Subject: foreign miners

Dear Premier Clark,

I recently hear the government is interested in bringing in some 200 miners from China to perhaps do preliminary work in opening a new mine here in B.C. and training our people to do the job should the project prove feasible. While it is sad we cannot supply our own qualified workers, I do have one question with regards to this issue. Has the government checked and even given consideration to inquiring if any qualified unemployed U.S. miners are available? It would seem to me that with the unemployment rate what it is in the U.S., as good neighbours we should at least offer them first dibs. Also, one does not have to watch many newscasts to realize the safety record in Chinese mines does not weigh in their favour. Just a thought.

Sincerely yours,

S22

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

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 5:12 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Hiring of Chinese workers

Rather than hiring mine workers from other countries to train some of our unskilled workers I am sure we have enough unemployed skilled workers who live in Canada who would be happy to provide the necessary training needed. Rather than pay non canadian workers a good salary, cost of their travel from their country of origin and providing their accommodation i am sure the money would be better spent by keeping our money within our country and providing a decent employment opportunity for the many struggling families who are surviving on minimum wage. Money should be allocated to training programs to ensure we do have skilled workers ready to work I believe its time to take care of the residents of this country first and foremost. Thank you for you time.

S22

Sent from my iPhone

From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 1:53 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: RE: Chinese miners

Thank you for sending this link. It doesn't work at the moment but when it does I will have a look.

Best wishes...

Not Responsive

From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 11:47 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Chinese miners

Dear Premier Clark

I am greatly opposed to allowing Chinese miners to work the Tumbler Ridge coal mines. We're already selling our forests to China instead of turning them into value added products. Now we're going to send our jobs too! Unless our economic plan involves leaving Confederation and joining the People's Republic this must stop now.

Thank you for listening.

S22  
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 12:52 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX; libby.davies@parl.gc.ca  
Subject: RE: Chinese miners

Thank you for replying so promptly to my mail. Unfortunately, your response is not that helpful. If trained and skilled people are required for the mine, then why aren't Canadians being trained?

Please tell me where I can obtain a copy of the Company's training plan. This is usually attached to or at least described and referenced in the environmental and social assessment of the project. Governments normally review these plans and in some cases will provide institutional support.

Institution-based training, in addition to on-the-job, is fairly standard for mining companies when they require specifically trained and skilled people. See BHP's Industrial and Mining Training Centre in Antofagasta, Chile. The Canadian Mining Industry Human Resources Council is driving a Canadian Mining Credentials Program, paid for in part by the Federal Government.

It is completely unacceptable to say that we are obliged to import labour before exploring all the ways to maximise value-added from this investment, not to mention the many others coming down the line. That's just lazy.

I'm copying this conversation to my MP and MLA for information.

Thank you again and please do tell me where I can obtain a copy of the company's HR development plan.

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From: Christy Clark.MLA [mailto:Christy.Clark.MLA@leg.bc.ca]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 11:28 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: FW: BC Jobs

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: October-24-12 11:09 AM  
To: Christy Clark.MLA  
Cc: deJong.MLA, Mike; Dix.MLA, Adrian  
Subject: BC Jobs

Ms Clark;

I am confused, from what I hear is that you are all for putting B.C. people to work.  
Then I hear B.C. people are not capable of being trained as coal mine workers.  
Then I hear the time frame is too short to train B.C. people, the mine has to open very soon.  
What is the rush?  
I then hear that "why train B.C. people in jobs that do not exist".  
I then hear the Chinese company wants to start right away and bring in Chinese workers.  
It seems I have been getting wrong info via the media. Is the media wrong?

Please explain before I make up my mind on what party to vote for.  
A reply from you or Mr. de Jong or Mr. Dix would be appreciated

S22

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

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 4:17 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Chinese Labourers

They are here "because Canada does not have the skills" !

CODSWALLOP as Hon. John Crosbie would say.

And, reportedly they pay \$12,500 to a snake for the job and privilege of becoming citizens in the future bypassing conventional immigration procedure.

This does not sit well with me. I worked my butt off to get rid of Barrett and Clark and now we have these shenanigans.

Not doing anything will cost votes.

S22

PS

Your stance on Enbridge is the right one. Stick with it.

Sent from my iPad

From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 1:10 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Why Chinese workers?

Dear Premier Clark:

Will you please explain to the people of B.C., why Chinese temporary workers are being imported to work in underground coal mines. Bearing in mind that the Chinese Government is third most evil in the world, after only Iran and North Korea, why are we doing business with them. Surely we can import workers from the South Eastern U.S. or from the many European democracies with a long mining history. I have no objection whatsoever to Chinese people coming to the country as immigrants but do object to having them as temporary workers. Just look at Tibet as an example of how China treats its illegal colonies. We do not wish Canada to become a Chinese colony.

On a closely related subject, I, along with all my friends, are very opposed to the Enbridge pipeline. We all are realists, we know we need gas for our cars at present. However, the consensus opinion is that the crude should be refined at source. Secondly we all feel that Price Rupert would be a safer terminal if a pipeline is to be built. An idea put forward in our local (Abbotsford) paper was to run the pipeline along the existing CN trackage. s22

s22

Regards, S22



From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 6:50 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Re: BC Jobs

What happened to the promise your party made in 2008 that training was going to be offered for people to work in the mines.  
Seems something has been gone amiss.

Not Responsive

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: October-24-12 11:09 AM  
To: Christy Clark.MLA  
Cc: deJong.MLA, Mike; Dix.MLA, Adrian  
Subject: BC Jobs

Ms Clark;

I am confused, from what I hear is that you are all for putting B.C. people to work.

Then I hear B.C. people are not capable of being trained as coal mine workers.  
Then I hear the time frame is too short to train B.C. people, the mine has to open very soon.  
What is the rush?  
I then hear that "why train B.C. people in jobs that do not exist".  
I then hear the Chinese company wants to start right away and bring in Chinese workers.  
It seems I have been getting wrong info via the media. Is the media wrong?

Please explain before I make up my mind on what party to vote for.  
A reply from you or Mr. de Jong or Mr. Dix would be appreciated

S22

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 6:49 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Asian Farm Workers

I am writing in concern to bringing in Asian Coal Miners. It is only cheap labor and the way we are going we will be a 3 world country in 50 years or earlier. Has the government not learnt from the US? They sent all their jobs off shore, and the country is depressed. Canadians pay the taxes, pay your wages...leave the jobs for Canadians. We do not want another Mushroom Farm here....they are always looking to save a dollar, no matter who it hurts. The China Mines have the worst safety record in the world. If they were concerned about getting workers trained, then look at Scotland. s22 worked the coal mines for years, before they closed them. How about going down to the States and recruit there...no it is about cheap labor. If this goes through s22 Christy talk is cheap, how about standing behind your people in BC, enough is enough.

Sincerely  
S22

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

From: s22 [mailto:s22 ]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 5:33 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: s22

Hey I'm working in s22 waiting for natural gas or mines. I've been listening and waiting. I will spend full time efforts shutting you down with these mines shares and your political influence as liberals if you don't open it to bc Canadians and fair wages for me, my sons and there kids

s22 Please go to the public like you have done and loved. Listen and let us show you if you give a place to send resumes in ads we will respond to meet your demand s22 would rather work in bc.

Sent from my iPhone

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 3:00 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: ownership of provincial resources by China

It is long past time that the governments of this province and the federal government Stop selling our natural resources or parts thereof to foreign countries and especially China. Included is the hiring of foreign workers when your supposed jobs initiative was supposed to be for Canadians. If these companies are unwilling to train Canadian workers then they should NOT be allowed permits to further their explorations  
country and saw it sell most off our natural resources in the early '50's to the USA. It was  
supremely stupid and you would think you politicians would learn. But I ssume that is an  
oyxmoron when it comes to decisions people in power make.

S22

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2012 6:22 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; adrian.Dix@leg.bc.ca  
Subject: Fwd: With Growing Unemployment, Why is BC Relying on Temporary Foreign Workers?

Why do we need foreign workers at all, as long as a single British Columbian can't find work?

The temporaries are finding a back door to stay in Canada, while others wait patiently to immigrate. Is that fair? (Frankly I don't think more immigrants benefit Canada when we have over 30 million citizens. It was another story 60 years ago when it was ten million!)

Let's train the people already here. And also pay a fair wage.

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From: S22 [mailto:S22 |  
Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2012 8:54 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; adrian.Dix@leg.bc.ca  
Subject: Fwd: With Growing Unemployment, Why is BC Relying on Temporary Foreign Workers?

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From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2012 8:47 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: importing chinese workers

It's disgusting that this province allows importing temporary workers, make the employers do job training. Part of the price of extracting our resources.

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

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 6:24 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: S22  
Subject: Re: Our Money

Why are chinese are being brought to work on the mine. So why are you not training the people to do the job.

Not Responsive

From: s22 [mailto:s22]  
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 8:19 PM  
To: info@cswu1611.org; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX  
Subject: China mines worst in the world  
Importance: High

[http://www.rfa.org/english/energy\\_watch/mines-10082012104553.html](http://www.rfa.org/english/energy_watch/mines-10082012104553.html) China Mines Skirt Safety Rule An analysis by Michael Lelyveld 2012-10-08 Managers avoid underground duty, a review indicates

<http://factsanddetails.com/china.php?itemid=321&catid=13&subcatid=85> Miners are also routinely injured and maimed on the job. Many have their arms broken, finger crushed and hands split open by picks. Other get their teeth knocked out or shoulders broken by falling rocks. Yet others suffer broken ribs, collapsed lungs and damaged internal organs when they are crushed by coal cars. In one family interviewed by the Los Angeles Times one son was killed in a mine accident; another lost his arm when it was jerked off his body by a runaway coal cart. Another had his shoulder shattered by falling rocks. Another sustained crushed ribs when floorboards collapsed.

From: s22 [mailto:s22]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2012 2:59 PM  
To: Lali.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Krueger.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: Lali.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Lali.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Krueger.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX; Lali.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Krueger.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Lali.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Krueger.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Coleman.MLA, Rich LASS:EX; Lali.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Krueger.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Coleman.MLA, Rich LASS:EX; Lake.MLA, Terry LASS:EX; Lali.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Krueger.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Coleman.MLA, Rich LASS:EX; Lake.MLA, Terry LASS:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX  
Subject: temporary work permits issued to Chinese workers at a coal mine

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/overtake-foreign-workers-ruling-for-bc-coal-mine-unions-ask-judge/article4917539/>

Chunks of coal on the beach around Union Bay, B.C. (John Lehmann /The Globe and Mail)  
Overtake foreign workers ruling for B.C. coal mine, unions ask judge ( highlighting by F I.)  
Dene Moore  
VANCOUVER — The Canadian Press  
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From: s22 [mailto:s22]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2012 9:02 AM  
To: Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Fwd: Toronto Star: Hiring of Chinese miners in BC sends unions to court (side effects of free trade??? vg)

For your informatio.

Looks like Mr. Harper wants to take away BC jobs rather than create them!

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From: s22  
Date: November 6, 2012 3:46:11 PM PST  
To: s22  
Subject: FW: Toronto Star: Hiring of Chinese miners in BC sends unions to court (side effects of free trade??? vg)

Subject: RE: Toronto Star: Hiring of Chinese miners in BC sends unions to court (side effects of free trade??? vg)

This issue of Chinese workers, taking jobs at the mines in B.C. has nothing to do with there not being Canadian workers who can do the jobs. I am not a miner myself. s22

s22 Each day I look over all the job adds to see what new vacancies are available. Although I would not be doing a job in a mine myself, why did I never once see an add for people in B.C. to go work in these mines. Well, I can tell you the answer. They obviously want to pay these Chinese workers less than they would pay Canadians to do the same job, with less benefits, lower safety standards and if Harper gets his way and signs FIPA (Foreign Investment Protection Act), which he likely will, there will no WCB coverage or oversight of the operation of these mines. Under FIPA the mines could effectively become Chinese territory within Canada, operating under Chinese regulations and standards.

Harper's secret agenda is becoming more obvious with every passing day.

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Please forward my comments.

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From: s22 [mailto:s22]  
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2012 12:37 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: To Premier Christy Clark

My name is s22 and i would like to know what your problem is and why you dont find more jobs for us in BC and instead of hiring 200 chinese workers to work in the mines in bc when s22 when i can do that type of job and i cant find a job. I know alot of people in the same postion as me and how are we suppose to support our government when you do something like that when there is people in BC qualified to do this work and you would rather find a way to bring people over from another country to save money and us sit here with no jobs. Use your head and maybe actually do something you say your gonna do by helping the people in your own province and create more jobs or atleast give us the jobs that are here and not someone from another country and STOP LIEING TO US!!! when you say your doing the best you can and trying to help the people in BC cuss this isn't helping us.

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 2:10 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: foriegn workers program

Dear Honorable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia

My name is S22 and I am e-mailing you a letter with regards to the coal mining in north east BC. I am not impressed with this kind of activity when S22 due to low coal prices and rising fuel costs. Just kinda wondering why we seem to be so concerned with finding employment for foreigners, and in this case from a communist country. I have attached my letter to you. Also sent it to Mr. Steven Harper.  
I will be watching and listening to what will become of this and other situations around this country with regards to the foreign workers coming here.

Sincerely

S22

November 15, 2012

To: Mr. Steven Harper, Prime Minister of Canada  
Ms. Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia

I wish to send you this letter regarding the temporary foreign workers program and specifically the underground mining operation being proposed and now currently underway in northern British Columbia.

S22

S22 This was due to the price of coal on the world market going down and the price of fuel going up. This is not a good combination. We all expect that these things are a part of the global economic situation. However, what I find especially puzzling, is that your governments are providing employment to a foreign countries population to do what we the laid off workers were doing. I know you must be just as puzzled as

I am so let me see if I can explain it adequately enough and see if you can reply to my letter intelligently enough so that I don't end up with a headache.

First, the country at the center of this mining operation here in the s22  
BC, is China. Last I heard it was still regarded as a communist country with one of the worst human rights records on the face of the planet.

Secondly, we already have a number of open pit mines here in the s22 near and around s22 BC. These mines are more than capable of supplying (and selling to) communist China with all the coal it may require, however there is just one little thingy that I'm sure has not crossed your minds. We the people who were employed (until laid off) might actually have a job again should you be interested in this situation. In other words it doesn't make any sense at what is happening here. So explain it to me if you can.

Thirdly, well you know I can go on and on, so much so that it really comes down to one of three issues. Disdain, ignorance, personal agendas.

There is way too much of this foreign worker nonsense going on in this country today. The list of abuse by the leadership in this country with regards to the loss of jobs in construction, agriculture, mining, manufacturing and the service industry is just simply getting way out of line.

There is perhaps one thing we may learn from what is happening here and that is, if we the working people can be replaced by your foreign worker program, perhaps we should be looking at replacing you with foreign workers. Just think about it. Think of the benefits we would all get from such a thing. They work for low wages and no severance, no benefits, a whole bunch sharing accommodations, no giving themselves pay raises that presently are nothing short of obscene, and, if we don't like their attitudes we just send them back.

Have a nice day

Sincerely

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From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 10:40 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: foreign workers in Tumbler Ridge Mine

Hello Christy

I have only been a resident of S22, BC for a little over a year and I am completely DISGUSTED and outraged with the mine in Tumbler Ridge being allowed to bring in foreign workers from China. I have spent the last S22 and I watched the government bring foreign workers into the oilsands up north of Fort McMurray, and then we all watched as several of them were Killed! This is a bad idea. First of all there are many people in Canada who would work at these jobs and I think it is complete bull that they say we are not well enough trained. I think that it is all about the money. Secondly, how does this help our economy? These chinese people are not going to be contributing to our pathetic economy here in BC, they are going to be sending all of their money back home to China! This is a prime example of a money grab by this corporation who will not be paying these workers the same kind of wages that they would have to pay Canadian workers, most of the money will go to the company who brings in these people. We the people are not stupid, we know how these things work, we have seen them before. And then there are the safety concerns. These people don't work under the same kind of standards that we have here. and having people on a site who don't speak the language is a major hazard.

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From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 11:28 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: B.C. is a Chinese province

I  
I would like to know what the plans for B.C. are if and when the China party has enough support from immigrants to become the ruling political party in B.C.?

Are there not rules and governs in place to protect Canada from foreign and domestic take over? Why are people who are not from Canada allowed to form there own political party and plan on ruling our province? This is a take over, just with out fire arms.

I would appreciate it if someone could explain this to me, and inform me of who is protecting B.C. & Canada for Canadians? Do we have to hand our country over to immigrants because we don't want to look racist in the eyes of the world? When did it become wrong to be a proud Canadian, a proud British Columbian?

If you, our ruling party will not defend our province from foreign and domestic threats to our way of life and protect the freedom of a country we were born to, just like our grandparents were... WHO will?

Look at the how some of the mines in Northern B.C. will only hire Chinese. If they said "we will only hire White people", what would happen then? This summer, an 8 year old Caucasian male was asked to leave a soccer game because he was WHITE. This was the INDO Canadian soccer league. What if we started a league called White Canadian soccer league? How is this type of action anything less then racism thrown in the face of white people? I have heard immigrants say " Its not racist if their white. Racism is something that White people do to other races".

Please reply to me, and explain what is being done to save us?

S22

B.C. is a Chinese province

From: s22 [mailto: s22]  
Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2012 4:57 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Prime Minister/Premier OfficeofthePremier  
Subject: Chinese Mine workers paid LESS

Shame on you!

You will be hearing my opinion when it comes time to Vote.

What a sham our government and judicial system has become.

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more:<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/business/resources/coal+mine+advertised+jobs+China+considerably+lower/7562768/story.html#ixzz2Cabb1kdE>

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From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 10:48 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject:

Hello Premier:

The Vancouver Province on November 15 reported that your Liberal Party had received almost 21 thousand dollars from HD Mining, a Chinese owned company. And you and Pat Bell are talking about Jobs for BC? And you are allowing temporary work permits for Chinese miners to work here. Something really smells here. Corruption comes to my mind when I put these stories together.

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From: s22 [mailto:s22]  
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 5:31 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: FW: provincial issue-provincial impact of importing coal mining workers

This email was from s22 not sam Oliphant. I meant to erase the heading. I had orginarily sent it to the liberal party and he gave me the email for the premiers office. I edited my email but neglected to take sams From off of the top. Sorry. Please disregard source. It was an email from me. Thank you.

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From: s22 [mailto:s22]  
Sent: November 19, 2012 5:28 PM  
To: 'premier@gov.bc.ca'  
Subject: FW: provincial issue-provincial impact of importing coal mining workers

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From: Sam Oliphant [mailto:sam.oliphant@bcliberals.com]  
Sent: November 19, 2012 4:55 PM

Subject: Re: provincial issue-provincial impact of importing coal mining workers

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I distinguish between Agriculture workers and underground coal mine workers with regard to the risk they present to requiring health resources.. There are significant economic benefits to BC from importing immigrants to harvest crops and work in the plant industry from what I have read and experienced.

Will the BC Health Care System and taxpayers end up saddled with the costs of immigrant coal mine workers with historical occupational predisposition to lung problems at the expense of the BC government and BC taxpayers?.

PS.

I understand the Feds are reviewing the immigration issues on importing coal workers from China.

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From: S22 [mailto:S22] |  
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2012 8:11 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: Minister, JTST JTST:EX  
Subject: Dehua

Dear Madam;

I am writing to express my shock and objection to the planned importation of foreign labour by the Dehua company and your staunch approval of this process.

I work in S22 where the unemployment level is off the scale. I also belong to a union and I am well aware of the appalling working condition imposed by the Chinese companies in BC. Their own preference for Mandarin speaking people, as reported on the French CBC is quite upsetting as well.

You might not care very much right now how the people of BC feel but I am convinced that it will be reflected in the election results. I have always thought of you as an excellent premier and would love to see you re-elected. Please do the right thing by your constituents and stand up for our rights.

Regards,

Sent from my iPhone

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2012 10:49 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
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From: s22 [mailto: s22]  
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2012 1:05 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; andrew.saxton@parl.gc.ca  
Subject: Issues with the "Temporary Foreign Workers, brought by China owned corporations, and loss of profitable Labour Jobs in BC, during a recession"

Hello Premier Christy Clark,

It's a pleasure to speak to you

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Thanks for your hard work in protecting BC interests over the proposed Northern Gateway. Your tenacity set a proper and correct precedent that BC's environmental concerns, and long term financial impacts "must" be looked at, respected and addressed before a pipeline that has the potential for huge negative impacts on BC (if/when there is a spill) are to be considered.

There is a similar problem brewing. The recently introduced/proposed "China-Canada Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement" allows China the long term (agreement is over 31 years) ability to make huge investments in Canada and BC utilizing Chinese companies within Canadian resources industries, for example mining, oil and gas, and possibly forestry, fisheries, agriculture and food. The problem with this, Companies from China will ONLY work in the interest of China, period.

A solid example of this is the recent permits for "Temporary Chinese Foreign Workers" at the Murray River mine of HD Mining, which actually is 55% owned and controlled by China-based Huiyong Holding Group. The mining labour positions were posted in Canada for many months through many papers and job boards, but because the proposed pay rates were so low, at \$10-17/hr BELOW other similar positions in the mining industry, it's no surprise that very few positions could be filled. This is an artificially created labour shortage situation.

The "claim" by the China-Huiyong Holding company is they could not find enough Canadian based workers to run the mine, and instead wants to bring in hundreds of workers from it's home ownership country (China) at dramatically reduced pay. Note this is NOT the hire of Chinese Canadians. This is a false labour shortage created entirely by the Huiyong Holding companies doing, by offering way to little pay, to allow to "legally" request Temporary Chinese Foreign Workers permits, so the mining work can be done for dirt cheap and not pay for Canadian labour working on our soil, who pay our Canadian CPP, UI, Federal and Provincial Income tax, medicare, extended health and potential canadian RRSP contributions. Yes,

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And all this happening while we are in a recession, it's just crazy, but is a perfect example of China owned corporations acting in ONLY China's interests, with the ultimate goal to bring over workers from China at close to slave labour pay, for Chinese profits only and absolute minimal Canadian tax pay. This is NOT in Canada's best interest, nor is it in British Columbia's best interest and we are setup to lose thousands of jobs, and millions if not billions of dollars from our own economy, especially in Northern BC, if this practice is not stopped, here and now.

Please do your best to STOP "Temporary China Foreign Workers" from entering BC and taking away our precious BC labour positions in the Heartland of British Columbia, causing financial ruin for our BC residents and businesses.

Please act in the Best Interest of British Columbia, and ultimately Canada. Thank you.

S22

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

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Saturday, November 24, 2012 3:48 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject:

Dear Premier Clark,

Would you please explain why it is your government approved bringing 200 Chinese temporary workers to British Columbia to work at the Canadian Dehua International Mines Group mine? Local miners were available for work but not at below market wages of \$10 to \$17 per hour and they didn't speak Mandarin.

If ratified, the China-Canada Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement would allow China to bring in tens of thousands of workers to replace Canadian workers. The 200 Chinese miners already in BC are just the start. Their low wages will mean low taxes paid. Canadian workers pay taxes but at a much higher rate and thus keep the provincial government and its programs afloat. Employing inexpensive Chinese workers results in high unemployment in British Columbia and places the long-term financial stability of the province at risk.

Once a Chinese company is established in this country it would be treated like any other Canadian company and could purchase anything it wished and pay it's workers any rate they wanted to because it would no longer thought of as a foreign takeover.

Chinese investors can dispute any laws and regulations passed by Canadian, provincial, territorial or municipal governments and make taxpayers liable for damages. If the province feels workers are not paying enough tax or health and safety legislation is being ignored, the Chinese corporation can sue the government for lost profits. The FIPA with China is not reciprocal. China protects its economy and its companies, and has very tight laws preventing foreign investors from entering its markets and purchasing its assets. Under FIPA, Canada has allowed China to continue to prevent foreign takeovers.

If you're unsure whether the China-Canada FIPA and if bringing in Chinese workers is a good idea, please see Diane Francis' column in the November 23 2012 edition of the Financial Post at <http://opinion.financialpost.com/2012/11/23/we-ignore-risks-of-foreign-buyouts-and-china-trade-deal-at-our-own-peril/>

Sincerely,

S22



From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 12:46 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: RE: foriegn workers program

Thanks for your reply  
S22

Not Responsive

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 2:10 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: foriegn workers program

Dear Honorable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia

My name is S22 and I am e-mailing you a letter with regards to the coal mining in north east BC. I am not impressed with this kind of activity when S22  
S22 due to low coal prices and rising fuel costs. Just kinda wondering why we seem to be so concerned with finding employment for foreigners, and in this case from a communist country. I have attached my letter to you. Also sent it to Mr. Steven Harper.

I will be watching and listening to what will become of this and other situations around this country with regards to the foreign workers coming here.

Sincerely

S22

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

From: S22 [mailto: S22 ]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 12:13 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: BC jobs for BC workers!!

Stop the sellout of our Province!!!

Stand up for BC workers!!!

Say NO to Dehua's Chinese nationals filling BC's mining jobs!!!

Concerned BC resident

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Saturday, December 8, 2012 12:31 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: BC Conservatives; City of Richmond; Corrigan.MLA, Kathy LASS:EX; Lee.MLA, Richard LASS:EX  
Subject: Nexen Deal & HD Mining

Christy Clark & Pat Bell must be held accountable for the lying and cheating of HD Mining they knew damn well they placed ads for Mandarin sneaking employees, a total insult to every British Columbian Union members or Not. s22 I'm not happy with this Nexen Deal, I want more powers for CSIS and modern tracking tools are put in place to track these Chinese, they simply cannot be trusted that goes for Alice Wong also who should not be in the Ministry of Human Resources period, A leadership review must take place in the Conservative Party, with the immediate removal of Pardis, Oliver and Diane Finley from Cabinet, the firing of this unnamed official that wants the permits approved. I say no, HD Mining if they want to stay in BC they must resubmit a application for temporary workers. There is no hurry for this mine to open, the pipelines are the first priority for jobs or BC loses out with pipelines going East with a massive investment that includes Canadian (Trans Canada) and USA companies included in this massive expansion to Eastern Refineries. Christy Clark has proven without a doubt she is not exactly the smartest kid on the block, it is exactly the opposite.

Sent from Windows Mail

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

From: S22 [mailto:S22]

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 7:05 PM

To: Prime Minister/Premier ministre; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Tumbler ridge mine and miners from China

I am stunned by the fact that HD mining would go so far as to just ignore our own workers, or just not bother to have Canadian people trained.

This is just wrong. Wrong on so many fronts, from dropping wages to non-protected workers to selling out to the Chinese.

We have the natural resources and they want it, great. If they want it then they need to pay our price not a price that they make up based on how they can cheat the system and the Canadian workers while still getting a world market price for the product.

So if you can't find or train the people here in Canada then you can't have a mine. Leave it in the ground! I know lots of young people who want to have good paying jobs and would be willing to get trained. Why do we always allow companies to take the short easy way out? We never had a decent apprentice program in this country and still don't. We seem to have a fatal flaw with getting our people trained here too and you government types don't seem to give a damn. Now there are even stories of fees that need to be paid to the employer! Hello?????? Pay money to your employer to work? Yes a capitalists dream, no? What is wrong with you politicians? Why is it fine to sell out your own people and give away all the money to the companies? Makes one wonder how much of that money is going back into your pockets?

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From: S22 [mailto: S22]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 5:30 PM  
To: Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca; XT:Lineker, Dianne E LASS:IN; OfficeofthePremier, Office  
PREM:EX  
Subject: Temporary foreign miners

Best wishes for the holiday season!

Finally a credible Canadian Company comments on the HD mining project , unbelievably, supported by your governments. Never , has Tech Comino seen a mine operated entirely by foreign workers, in Canada. If Tech Cominco was proposed to operate the Raven Coal mine, I would be a supporter-unconditionall. They know what BC expects. They would use the rail and employ local workers. They would know and follow environmental and worker safety requirements.

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From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 12:49 PM  
To: Falcon.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Jason Kenney

Dear Sir/Madame.

My name is S22 Not unlike most  
Canadians.  
Unfortunately for me S22 There are always challenges with finding  
work with quality  
employers who offer benefits.

Having said that im very concerned about what Jason Kenney has done. Im looking for an  
opportunity to work for a mining company or anything up north  
that requires me to work away from home at camps for weeks at a time. Seems like a small  
sacrifice to make respectable earnings to take care of  
my responsibilities.

Right now im at home laidoff thinking that im the perfect candidate to work up north and be  
trained. And im right here. Im not from another  
country. Im Canadian and im right here looking for the opportunity.

What can I do to help myself.

Thanks S22

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

From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 3:21 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: IID Mining Murray River

Dear Ms. Clark: I am horrified when I read the news on this company's plans in Murray River. Why would we give licences to a company that is not employing BC workers. This is shocking and I hope you do something about it immediately. i am a businessman and I am outraged at this company and the BC Government for letting this happen.

S22



From: S22\_ [mailto:S22\_@parl.gc.ca]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 1:47 PM  
To: Barnett.MI.A, Donna LASS:EX; OfficcofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Dix.MI.A, Adrian LASS:EX; harrir1@parl.gc.ca  
Subject: B.C. mine to hire only Chinese temporary workers for years

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2012/12/12/bc-chinese-miners-documents.html>

I am absolutely amazed and sickened that both the provincial and federal governments are allowing this to happen. Does anybody not realize that once one company does this, others will want to follow suit? Then what? Canadian jobs but only for imported workers? And the scary thing is that no one in office is fighting this. Never before have I been as scared of the governments of my country like I am now and the lengths they are prepared to go. The people are against this...don't you hear that? Why with all the need for skilled people in all trades in this province have there not been training programs put into place? It's almost like the governments want to create another third world country called Canada. And that is what will happen if this isn't stopped.

You are all elected by the people to represent the people and to have their best interests first and foremost. Please, somebody explain to me how this has Canadians and British Columbians best interests at heart?

As you watch the poll results come election day and your hearts are sinking because you are not getting the votes to get re-elected, remember this. This will be one of those reasons. I ask where are you now, but it will be your turn when the ballots get counted and you ask, where were they?

S22

**BC Jobs For British Columbians!**

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

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 1:55 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Tumbler Ridge mine

Dear Ms. Clark,

I am writing to express my disagreement with the handing of all jobs at the HD Mining coal mine at Tumbler Ridge to foreign nationals. It is clear that HD Mining has no intention of hiring Canadian workers for four years. This company is going to extract B.C. coal from B.C. land using exclusively Chinese workers. What a disgraceful sellout to Chinese interests.

Is this your famous "B.C. Jobs Plan"? Jobs for foreign workers, not B.C. residents? Disgusting. And a waste of tax dollars -- OUR dollars!

You, Ms. Clark, are my MLA. I think you should be planning an early retirement, because there's very little likelihood of you being re-elected with policies such as this -- not to mention the obscene waste of tax dollars advertising your "jobs plan".

Sincerely,

S22

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 9:31 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: HD Mining, Murray River Coal Mining Operation

December 14th, 2012

Dear Christy Clark,

Hello, my name is S22, and I am saying no to chinese coal miners in BC. s22

s22

s22 My concern is for my future employment opportunities as well as the opportunities of my fellow Canadian colleagues. It is overwhelmingly apparent that HD mining has little to no intentions to employ any canadian miners if it is given the choice, and at this time it is clearly apparent that the Liberal government has given HD mining the choice to not hire Canadian miners. This case of usage of temporary forgiven workers not only effects the Murray River coal project, but it will set a precedent for future mining operations throughout Canada. If allowed this will ultimately put Canadians in the unemployment line while foreign workers take are jobs for lower wages, non existent benefits, and add the least possible amount of economic wealth to the communities that they operate in.

S22

I have stood

by and defended the Liberal government and its leadership throughout the past decade despite issues that have the majority of British Columbians disagreeing with Liberal policies. If the Liberal government allows IID mining to continue to disrespect the employment rights of all Canadians.

S22

friends who are all effected by this travesty. I will add that I have never felt betrayed by this Liberal government and I have been you most staunchest ally, but now I truly feel disregarded and completely betrayed.

Sincerely

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From: s22 [mailto:s22 ]  
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 7:50 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: NO to Chinese coal mines in BC.

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 6:56 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: NO to Chinese coal miners in B.C!!!!

This is a outrage that our government is allowing good jobs go to underpaid foreign workers! The fact that the mining establishment has no intention of hiring Canadian workers for 14 years is obscene and makes me feel contempt for our government that allows these sort of policies to happen. The mine will be shut down and picked over in 14 years! I have been happy with your tough stance on the northern gateway pipeline and I sure hope the Liberal government will put a stop to this too because this surely isn't "putting BC families first".

S22

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From: s22 [mailto:s22 ]  
Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2012 3:35 PM  
To: Bell.M.J.A, Pat LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: pm@pm.gc.ca  
Subject: Foriegn workers

s22 British Columbian I am trouble by the importing of foreign workers to our province to work in the Mining Industry. My example with the exporting of one of our resources, namely lumber, directly to a offshore market, comes from s22

s22 The mill was cutting 4x4's, 100% for export to the orient (Japan or China). The mill employed all Canadian workers and ran 3 shifts (24 hrs a day) 7 days a week. Due to the location the timber was felled, milled and shipped directly out of the country from Ladysmith. B.C. product, B.C. Owned Company, B.C. employees.

s22 that Prince George was starting to boom due to industry opening up in that area. Young workers from our area and around the province got a great start to their working lives due to those opportunities, and later several of

s22 I guess my bottom line is that while I understand not all positions in industry can be filled with local people, our governments are giving the impression of totally selling out our resources and jobs by allowing offshore ownership and importation of their workforces. Lets press for limitations on ownership and importation of workforces before its too late. Regards s22

S22



From: s22 [mailto:s22 ]  
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 6:39 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Fw: Here's a Canadian commenting on a CBC thread that has my support!

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: s22  
To: Stephen Harper <Harper.S@parl.gc.ca>; Harper PM <pm@pm.gc.ca>; Jason Kenney <jason.kenney.a7@parl.gc.ca>; "james.moore@parl.gc.ca" <james.moore@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 6:34:11 PM  
Subject: Here's a Canadian commenting on a CBC thread that has my support!

s22 2012/12/14 Comment on Chinese Company that bought a mine in BC and is hiring Chinese miners from from China to work the mine.  
at 1:13 PM ETHide s22  
commentsForget right vs left, union vs big business, partisan politics - we are all being collectively screwed here. Time to throw off the shackles of political correctness and call this what it is. No existing political party has done really anything about this which indicates that it does not matter who you vote in, the same verdict will happen.

The national revolution starts here and now otherwise Chinese colonization and our treasonous government and corporations will put the final nail in our coffin. Our industries are being shipped overseas, our workforce is being imported, our immigration system is replacing us, multiculturalism is being used to take away our identity. We have nothing left anymore.

Who wants to join me in protest in downtown Vancouver or Tumbler Ridge? If we do not stand up for Canada, who will?!

From: S22 [mailto: S22]  
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 7:11 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: [FWD: FOHDM Submission]

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----- Original Message -----  
Subject: [FWD: FOHDM Submission]  
From: S22 < >  
Date: Fri, December 14, 2012 8:08 am  
To: jason.kenney@parl.gc.ca

Company: Immigration Lawyer  
Name: S22  
Email address: S22  
Phone: S22

Comments: I should start by saying that I work in the area of immigration law, so I am not against bringing foreign workers to Canada; in fact I have been involved in bringing many hundreds over during the course of the past two years. However, the law is very clear that foreign workers can only be recruited, if no Canadians are available. My firm belief in this instance is that it is a total falsehood to say that not a single Canadian was available to work in this mine; it is a well known fact that Canada has many unemployed miners, as well as persons who would be eager and willing to work in such a position. Also, why on earth would one need to know Mandarin to work in a Canadian mine? As an expert in immigration matters and the foreign worker recruitment process, I consider this a blatant abuse of the TFW program, and quite possibly fraudulent. I would welcome a response.

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From: S22 [mailto: S22]  
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 11:38 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: my reply to Minister Pat Bell in British Columbia

Hello

thank you for the lengthy talk on foreign workers.  
When I wrote to Minister Pat Bell on October 23rd 2012 I was not writing as a temporary foreign worker.

s22

So I am not a "temporary foreign worker" and I was writing to point out that Government of British Columbia requires men and women who were born in British Columbia or who have arrived by way of immigration to pay money as a condition of being allowed to work.

I am not referring to an annual licence fee such as a nurse pays, but to payments each and every day. On some days it might be required to pay more than one fee.  
Someone who does 4 hours of work in the morning is required to pay a fee. If he does another 2 hours of work in the afternoon he is required to pay a new fee for doing that work.

With the exception of Jason Kenney, all of those whom you have sent a cc to are very much aware of my situation.  
I have written to Diane Finley pointing out the errors made by those who have issued SIN cards.

I hope this additional information is helpful to you.

regards

S22

On 2012-12-13, at 10:23 AM, Minister, JTST JTST:EX wrote:

Ref: 94706

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Email: S22

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

Minister@cic.gc.ca

The Honourable Diane Finley, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development  
Diane.Finley@hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca

Honourable Christy Clark  
Premier  
Premier@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Rich Coleman  
Minister of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas  
and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier  
EMH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

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From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 9:09 AM  
To: andrew.saxton@parl.gc.ca; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX;  
adrian.dox.mla@leg.bc.ca; bob.rae@parl.gc.ca; Sultan.MLA, Ralph LASS:EX  
Subject: foreign exploitation of Canadian resources and Canadian workers

I am writing to state my objection to any proposals to bring in workers from foreign countries for special projects in Canada. Canadian workers will be more than happy to fill these jobs if they were paying the same level of wages and benefits that other workers in the same trades/skills in Canada expect to receive as fair compensation.

Should Canada proceed with the use of temporary Chinese workers, who will end up staying in Canada, will we apologize and compensate them for being discriminated against as we did with the Chinese that came to build the railroad? Who will pay for their medical expenses when they become sick or pay for their children to attend school? Who will pay for impoverished Canadians whose wages and benefits are being undermined by corporate greed? Who will contribute to taxes when so many Canadian workers are making less than a living wage and can only find part time work? Who will buy goods and services that support the small business when so many people can't afford anything but food and shelter due to the continual pressure to reduce wages and benefits in this country? Both the Federal Conservatives and Provincial Liberals (their overall dishonestly includes their name) apparently see nothing wrong with exploitation of our natural resources without improving the long term financial status and stability of Canadians.

Far too much degradation of workers rights has occurred in this country already. I will use the business practices of the famous Mr. Jimmy Pattison as an example here. Mr. Pattison started his grocery business empire by breaking down the unions and hiring the majority of part time workers at far less wages. Part time also means no benefits. Workers are now restricted to part time in this industry despite the fact many of these businesses are open 24/7. Part time means workers juggle many jobs which increases cost to workers in transportation and costs to society in less stable families. Jobs that were once full time and afforded a worker with a modest annual income no longer exist in the entire grocery retail industry. Meanwhile Mr. Pattison is a multi billionaire at the expense of so many. The large corporations that peddle their influence in governments to take over services are creating the same short sighted savings and long term devastation to Canadian families. Meanwhile the CEO's are paid millions annually. Can their taxes make up for the taxes and spending that would have occurred if the workers had been able to share in the financial success?

We have been through a time in Canadian history when workers had to riot for rights and we saw the growth of unions to the betterment of Canada. To continually undermine the rights of Canadian workers by bringing in foreign workers to exploit our resources is wrong and shameful as part of Canadian history.

S22

From: S22 [mailto: S22 |  
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2012 9:06 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2012/12/19/bc-seabus-unions.html>

Dear Ms. Clark,

I'm wondering if this is part of your job creation plan?

To me it's treasonous, period. My tax dollar going to another FOREIGN COMPANY. SHAME ON YOU.

S22

From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2012 7:13 PM  
To: OfficcofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Chinese workers

Dear Premier;

Just some thoughts on the Chinese miners.

December 20, 2012

Dear Public Servant:

I was reading about the importation of Chinese workers into Canada because there are not enough qualified Canadian workers. It would seem that Canada has given up sovereignty of our jobs along with our resources. I don't think in our country, with our unemployment rate as high as it is that we can be giving jobs away to foreign nationals. Maybe China should fund the education of our people to do those jobs, or they could advertise in the USA and European countries which have many qualified coal miners who could move here for a good paying Canadian job.

When you let a Foreign Company set the qualifications that favour their own nationality in our 'home and native land' you kick Canadians in the teeth.

'The company said of the 300 applications it received, 218 applicants didn't respond to an interview request while the remainder weren't hired because they lacked underground long-wall mining experience. And, no doubt many if not all the applicants didn't speak Mandarin, something the company listed in its posting. For this reason, we suspect many Canadians were dissuaded from applying. '

<http://iuoe115.com/tag/hd-mining/>

It would seem the lack of underground longwall mining experience is a non-issue as miners can be trained in short order according to this web site. <http://iuoe115.com/tag/hd-mining/>

'In the mean time HD Mining could be training Canadian miners in long-wall mining techniques. It would take about six weeks for a miner to complete a course.'

How can you in good conscience require Canadians to speak Mandarin in Canada. It should be against the law to hire people to jobs where there is a safety issue due to the use of heavy equipment who don't speak English or French. Of course if all the workers speak Mandarin then it is easy for the Chinese management to keep them in the dark about their rights as workers in Canada. I think that is the reason the Canadian government, ie. YOU, have allowed this. Bring in foreign workers who can't speak or read English and you can turn them into slaves, they don't know there are rights for workers, or perhaps even if they do find out they won't qualify to be treated fairly because they are foreign nationals who don't have access to worker rights in our country.

It's easy to spout platitudes that have no teeth when you are trying to deceive people.

"We have always maintained that British Columbians will be first in line for jobs at any new mine openings in our province," said Bell's statement

<http://ca.finance.yahoo.com/news/steelworkers-suggest-b-c-coal-mines-controlled-chinese-013708645.html> This spoken with true meaning but with the understanding that it won't happen in this situation.

I AGREE WITH THE UNIONS

'The unions say qualified Canadians should be hired to do the work at the Murray River mine or the Chinese miners should be granted landed immigrant status to Canada rather than temporary work status.'

To put it bluntly, I think there is some behind the scenes skulduggery going on. The Chinese want the coal, we want 'JOBS, JOBS, JOBS' but there is a point where the jobs created have to benefit Canadians as well as the Chinese. The Chinese are top notch negotiators and will play on your weaknesses, like your desire for JOBS, they will tell you that there are lots of other places that they can get coal, but in the end if you hold the line they will buy from us even if we don't sell out to all their demands.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHINESE DEAL.

Hunt said the B.C. government has refused to make public the details of the Chinese mining deals, which came after Asian economic missions by Jobs Minister Pat Bell and Premier Christy Clark.'

'The union has been embroiled in a court battle to overturn 201 temporary foreign work permits allowing Chinese miners to come to Canada on the grounds there aren't Canadians qualified to do the work at the proposed Tumbler Ridge-area facility.'

Whose fault is it that there are not enough qualified Canadian workers?? Who has control over the curriculum offered at Canadian Educational Institutions? Who can streamline the training of Canadians so they can work in the mine? IT'S YOUR JOB. Are you doing a good job??

You are servants of the taxpayers who employ you. If you can't negotiate then hire someone who can. If you need advice then find out who is the best qualified and hire them. It would seem that the 'ASIAN ECONOMIC MISSION' was not a success for Canadian taxpayers, but perhaps you benefitted enough for all of the rest of us.

You better come up with a good story to placate Canadian workers before the next election or you won't be making anymore decisions for us.

S22

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

From: S22 [mailto:S22]

Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2012 7:00 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Foreign workers- HD Mining

Dear Ms. Clark

A recent article in the Vancouver Sun outlined how Canadians miners will be shut out of jobs for at least four years because the Canadian government will allow foreign workers to do the mining.

The article states that your minister, Pat Bell, is one of the mine's most vocal supporters.

This is a terrible shame and I hope you do everything you can to provide that work for BC residents. If not, I hope BC voters put Pat Bell out of work during the next election.

Thank you for your time,

S22

From: S22 [mailto:S22 |  
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 2:40 PM  
To: OfficcofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: shipping jobs off shore

To the Honorable Christie Clark

I have been watching your labor building campaign for the last little while, and thinking your on the right track.

We have been falling short in the training of experienced,skilled tradesmen for the past 18 years and yes the training is way overdue.Good for you to finally address this short coming.Keeping the work in B.C. or at best, in Canada, is a grave concern of most Canadians. We benefit with taxes and all the dollars generated by an upheav economy.

That being said, I read in the News about the Scabus being built in the Netherlands for \$2,000,000 less than here in B.C. It is apparent that we don't want to employ Canadian workers for the difference. We don't seem to understand the monies generated by a Canadian workforce would better our coffers ten fold.

Now I ask you, how will this affect you in the coming election? Are you not trying to get elected?

As a retired tradesmen and proud Canadian I implore you to make a stand against shipping jobs away from Canadians. We are not a third world country and I do not appreciate being treated like one. If you want to be elected, you have to stand up for all Canadians and keep the jobs here.

Rather than a response to me, I prefer sceeing some action on your part. It's not too late.

Sincerely yours, S22

From: S22 [mailto: S22 ]  
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2012 9:51 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Merry Christmas to B.C.

Dear Ms. Clark,

I would like to thank you for all you have done to create JOBS in B.C.  
8 new mines  
3000 Chinese workers to work them.

Well the new year has a new JOB WAITING FOR YOU!

S22

From: s22 [mailto: S22]  
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2012 1:29 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Re: icbc

Dear Premier Christy Clark here again you must adress the issue involving the Tumbler Ridge Mine which is land we as bc tax payers own(ed). There should be Canadian people working there ? Ms.Clark you need to adress this issue.No matter how much monies were (are) being given to the Liberial party.You sure don't want this legacy to follow you the rest of you life. Sincerly

S22 Besides is that not illegal and  
discriminatory ?

Not Responsive



From: S22 [mailto: S22 ]  
Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2012 11:42 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: BC Mining.

Years ago the Hawaiians got all upset to find out 715 of their Island was owned by the Japanese.  
As for our mining policy fiascos this needs to be nipped right now ...  
I don't want to be like the Hawaiians, wondering what happened.  
4 \* years? I hear it could be up to 14 years. Just don't let it happen!  
(I don't care who donated to your party, we are not the US and we don't buy votes)  
We have true Canadian owned partners and we hire based on skill in our own country not based  
on foreign languages. Maybe the owners could hire Canadian bilingual men and women to  
translate. Maybe we let other companies buy them out if they can't make it following OUR  
rules. The Chinese have a terrible record on human rights and labour laws. I don't want them to  
dictate what happens here.  
Someone needs to get a spine and just say "NO WAY!"  
You or Jim Sinclair could do that just fine.

Take Care!

S22

From: S22 [mailto: S22 |  
Sent: Sunday, January 6, 2013 7:41 AM  
To: Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines; Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca; diane.finley@parl.gc.ca;  
OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Re: employment opportunities for Canadians on Pipeline construction

Community Relations Team,

I recently received a letter from British Columbia's Minister of Jobs, Pat Bell, confirming that Temporary Foreign workers (TFWS) are part of BC's job plan to fill skill shortages. This confirms my view that Canadians are not ready to take advantage of resource based construction and operating jobs. The Government of BC and the Federal government have accepted the HD mining project as the employment model for resource based projects. This certainly will be the case for any huge energy project, as the precedent has been established, in Tumbler Ridge, B.C.

Canada is moving too quickly on these projects, when Canadians are not prepared for these good jobs. With 1.3 million unemployed Canadians, I find the TFWS policy completely unacceptable for resource based jobs.

Yesterday, there was another Earthquake on the North Coast and Tsunami warning. This is the event that no oil tanker can prepare for. Shipping refined products would have less environmental impacts in the inevitable case of a tanker sinking on the North Coast of BC. British Columbians will not forget the sinking of the BC Ferry at the head of the Douglas channel.

Canada is not ready for the Northern Gateway project.

sincerely

S22

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S22

From: S22 [mailto: S22]  
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 10:04 AM  
To: Investor Relations; Premier@gov.bc.ca; Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca; Lincker Dianne  
Subject: employment opportunities for Canadians on Pipeline construction

Good Day,

I have expressed concern about crude oil tankers in the Douglas Channel, but I support value added jobs by refining the Oil sands products, in Canada and shipping refined products. I agree that the Oil sands are a great asset for all Canadians, and benefits should be maximized.

However, it is becoming clear that the jobs that may be created with construction of pipelines, refineries and port facilities are beyond the current capability of Canada to supply skilled labor for these huge projects. This is evident with the Federal and BC Government decision to allow HD mining to import foreign skilled workers for up to 14 years to mine coal in Tumbler Ridge BC. This project could be the bench mark for supplying skilled off shore labor for the Northern gateway project, and other projects in Canada.

Canadians need not be on such a hurry to export non-renewable resources, when the job creating benefits are lost to off shore skilled workers ,while many underemployed Canadians miss out on these opportunities. Off shore worker's wages will go off shore and not be a net benefit to the Canadian economy. Construction projects are a one shot opportunity, for high paying jobs, for Canadians.

My view is that the Northern Gateway project is not in the best interest of Canada and the timing and scope of the entire project needs to be reviewed and revised to ensure that the export of the oil sand resource has the maximum benefit for Canadians.

regards

S22

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From: S22 [mailto:S22]  
Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2013 11:30 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Murray River Coal Miners

Dear Ms Clark,

I would like to define the new meaning of the words 'temporary worker' for you.

According to the CBC News, HD Mining International (with a 55% Chinese ownership) applied for and received approval from the federal government to bring Chinese workers to Canada under the temporary foreign worker program for its underground coal mine at Murray River near Tumbler Ridge. Approval was granted partly because the company could not find BC miners who could communicate with the Mandarin-speaking foreign workers.

Even though HD Mining has given in to union and public pressure to develop training with Northern Lights College, the mine will only be transferred to Canadians over 10 years at the rate of 10% per year according to the Globe and Mail newspaper. The company will hire its first Canadian worker four years from now and company documents show that the last temporary worker will leave Canada in 15 years. This is the new definition of 'temporary worker'.

According to the BC Federation of Labour, your government stated that the Chinese workers would only be in Canada for the exploration phase, not the full construction phase plus the first two years of full operation as stated in HD Mining documents.

In ten years the Chinese workers will have learned to speak English, hold Canadian citizenships and will be the first Canadians hired by HD Mining, thus ensuring that unemployment rates in British Columbia remains unchanged over time.

S22

From: S22 [mailto:S22 ]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 5:56 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Job Stats

I recently heard some statistics regarding temporary workers in British Columbia, which led me to ask the speculation I pose after these stats:

The number of temporary foreign workers (70,000) is far greater than the number of workers employed in forestry and logging (17,000) in our province. In fact, the 70,000 temporary foreign workers who are in BC is far greater than all those working in forestry, mining, fishing and oil and gas in our province (40,000)

One has to wonder if all the jobs created since 2011 (19,000) went to foreign workers.

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From: David Jang [mailto:davidjang@singtao.ca]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 2:18 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Cc: Minister, JTST JTST:EX  
Subject: NDP's criticism

Dear Hon Premier,

Please reply below NDP's criticism about your agreement with BC government, thanks!  
Please reply before 5pm today if possible, thanks!

Best Regard,

David Jang

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New Democrats to premier: Did you sign away B.C. jobs to foreign mining companies?

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From: S22  
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 9:03 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Foreign workers:

Dear Madam:

With unemployment hovering from 7 – 10 % depending on where you live, why would we be farming any jobs outside the country? This makes absolutely no sense whatsoever, if our people lack training, lets train them. My son is out of high school now for a year and can't find work, many of his classmates are going on welfare having given up hope finding work. There are people that will work these jobs in Canada, if you calculate the cost to bring them in, house them, feed them, and clear them you can get a Canadian worker at a reasonable starting wage)VS putting our people on welfare??? / Where does this compute?. We need legislation to force companies to use only Canadian labor. I asked many unemployed people if they would relocate given opportunities and the answer is yes, who wants to be jobless? Perhaps some do, but many are willing to work...

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From: S22  
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2012 7:45 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Foreign Takeover of Canada

Hi there:

I am very concerned over the very bold take over of our country by the Chinese. Our coal, oil and who knows what else. The Chinese government has proven itself to engulf and devour at the expense of the average person in their own country and now they are on their way to owning us. Canadian corporations should not be able to sell out wholesale to a country such as this. If this isn't stopped, we as Canadians are going to live to regret this for generations to come. I'm not sure what power if any, you have over this but it is a very serious matter.

Looking forward to your response,

Sincerely,

S22

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