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Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 3:07 PM **To:** the_Liversidge_letter@laliversidge.com **Subject:** Message from L.A. Liversidge - Bill 238

Good afternoon,

Bill 238, An Act to amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 is currently before the Standing Committee on General Government. The Bill addresses an anomaly created by the COVID-19 impact on the job market. Lower wage earners were the first to feel the impact of COVID-19 and were unable to work. As such the Statistic Canada reports on which the WSIA relies upon to set the an increase in benefits and set the maximum earnings ceiling reflected an inflated increase of 7.8% (this is typically a 2% increase per year).

I worked with the CEC to present a solution to the Board and Government in 2020. See our letters to the <u>Board</u> (August 7, 2020) and <u>Government</u> (October 16, 2020).

Bill 238 addressed this issue.

I presented before the Standing Committee on General Government on March 9, 2021, see the link to the Hansard <u>here</u>. My written submission to the Committee can be found <u>here</u>

Should you have any questions, please reach out at any time to me at lal@laliversidge.com.

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