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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For almost a full year now, the Bargaining Council of British Columbia Building Trades Unions (BCBCBTU) and Construction Labour Relations Association (CLRA) have been embroiled in a long and difficult set of negotiations for the Standard ICI Agreements. Throughout the process the BCBCBTU had attempted to conclude an agreement at the bargaining table, but the CLRA seemed set from the beginning on an arbitrated or imposed settlement. A Board appointed mediator was engaged in an effort to assist the parties conclude a deal.

On Monday, June 3, 2019, the Chair of the Labour Relations Board ordered the implementation of the mediators recommended settlement. Not our desired outcome for the conclusion of the agreement, but one we have to live with.

Although we are still in the process of interpreting the contents of the mandated settlement, I am compelled to send this notification in response to a somewhat misleading email communication sent by CLRA to their contractors. Unfortunately, their communication has created more confusion than clarity within the unionized construction industry, both employers and members.

Although I do not have specific answers for your today, I want to assure you that once we have had sufficient time to fully digest and interpret the settlement, and all outstanding issues are resolved, District Council 38, in conjunction with the BCBCBTU will be communicating the terms of the settlement to our members.

Thank you for your patience in this matter, and I will be in touch with the details of the settlement in the very near future.

Fraternally,
IUPAT District Council 38



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