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To: Members of the CLC Canadian Council

Re: Sun Media Lawsuit

Greetings!

Last year, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) filed a defamation lawsuit against Sun Media and its writer, Eric Duhaime. The lawsuit stems from print reporting by Eric Duhaime on the Charbonneau Commission in late fall 2013. Duhaime referred to the FTQ and FTQ Construction as the CLC's wing in Quebec and attempted to link the CLC to the mafia. Duhaime and Sun Media Network were the only media outlets to link the CLC to the issues being raised in the Charbonneau Commission.

Requests for an apology and retraction were rejected by Sun Media. In response, the CLC commenced legal action.

I'm happy to report that we have reached a settlement in mediation at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Sun Media will publish a guest column of the CLC's topical choice in all its newspapers and associated websites with the CLC having final signoff on any edits they make. Sun Media will pay \$10,000 to the CLC to compensate for legal costs and cover the costs of mediation. Sun Media will also print a retraction in the newspapers where Duhaime's column appeared.

Irresponsible reporting about the labour movement must be challenged. I hope this summary has made your day.

In solidarity,

Hassan Yussuff
President