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Dear Ms. Kiwala,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Unity Council at Queen's University. This Council is a labour coalition and is comprised of the Presidents of all the unions at Queen's University.

We have recently learned about an Ontario Ministry of Labour initiative that offers representation, information and advice to injured workers who must navigate the complex and often adversarial process under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. This is the Office of the Worker Advisers, and they provide an essential assistance to injured workers who would otherwise be without any legal advice or representation whatsoever.

Unfortunately, this body does not currently have a Kingston office, so that injured workers seeking help must travel to Ottawa. This would not only be costly, but may well be impossible for those who have suffered profound and traumatic injury. Thus, it is imperative that we have an office in this area so that these workers can actually meet with someone face to face.

To that end, we urge you to help us work toward this goal by working with your government and the Ministry of Labour to fund an additional office here in Kingston. This would greatly benefit the most vulnerable members of our community and would be very much appreciated by the local labour groups in Kingston.

Thank you very much for your attention and concern in this matter – it could help countless individuals get the assistance and support they need.

Sincerely,

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