

November 16, 2005

Steve Peters
Minister of Labour
400 University Ave, 14th Flr
Toronto ON
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Dear Mr. Peters:

We would like to congratulate the provincial Liberal government for initiating the manufacturing ergonomic subcommittee announced on February 28, 2005.

Our clinics, the Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers, Inc., see injured and ill workers from across the Ontario and are actively engaged in the prevention of occupational disease and disabilities in this province. We employ occupational health and safety professionals such as occupational health nurses, occupational health physicians, industrial hygienists and ergonomists. Our ergonomists have been in hundreds of work sites where musculoskeletal injuries have taken place because of poor ergonomics. The professional ergonomists would be the first to tell you that if there were some standards set for workplaces, along the lines of those that already exist in British Columbia and Saskatchewan, we would greatly reduce musculoskeletal injuries and also greatly reduce the number of ergonomic interventions on the part of our staff.

We would like to meet with you to discuss the issue of ergonomic injuries and ergonomic regulations at your earliest convenience.

Give my office a call with the meeting particulars.

Sincerely,

Mary Cook, Managing Director
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