

March 30, 2020

The Honourable Jason Kenney
Office of the Premier
307 Legislative Building
10800 – 97 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Re: Release of Hold Payments Must Continue

Dear Premier Jason Kenney,

The Ontario Government has recently passed legislation indefinitely extending lien rights. Although this may have sounded like a good idea, the resulting unintended consequences will be very damaging to contractors and trade contractors. We have attached a legal analysis of the issue.

We urge your Government to engage in a full dialogue with the construction trade contractors and general contractors prior to any contemplated legislation. We are here to help and will assist you in getting the correct outcome.

The Canadian Institute of Steel Construction (CISC) is Canada's voice for the steel construction industry, providing leadership in sustainable design, advocacy, construction, efficiency, quality and innovation. The Canadian steel construction sector is a vibrant \$5 billion industry, which employs over 130,000 people in its supply chain.

You can contact me directly if you are considering any policy related to construction and the steel construction industry.

Best regards,



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President and CEO

Cc: Minister Travis Toews – President of the Treasury Board & Minister of Finance
Minister Ric Mclver – Minister of Transportation
Minister Prasad Panda – Minister of Infrastructure