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**TO: ALL AFFILIATE LOCAL UNIONS, STAFF REPRESENTATIVES
AND LABOUR COUNCILS**

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Enclosed is an information brochure which will introduce you to, or update you on, The Canadian Benefits Trust (formerly known as the Canadian Association of Union Services, (CAUS) Multi-Union Benefits Trust Fund).

The Canadian Benefits Trust has been established by the labour movement as a national, non-profit organization designed to provide an **alternative to status quo**, employer-controlled Health & Welfare Benefit Plans.

The Alberta Federation of Labour office has participated in the Canadian Benefits Trust health & welfare benefits plan since 1997. We can report that coverage, claims payment, service and pricing have all been excellent. As well as a **good alternative for existing benefit plans**, they also offer programs for new certifications with as few as five members.

Many of you have asked, or been asked, how the Locals can have more input into the decisions made regarding the member's benefit plans. **Information is the key!** The Canadian Benefits Trust provides the same information to both the Union Executive and the employer, (within the standard Privacy Policy Guidelines). They also have the resources available to get the answers to all of your questions and can help to ensure that you ask the right ones.

We urge you to explore the possibility of participating in this excellent program. **Please take the time to read this information and act on it, thank you.**

If you would like more information regarding the Canadian Benefits Trust or have questions regarding your current benefits plan contact Gord, (info below).

In solidarity,



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