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Via E-Mail only

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Dear James,

**RE: What we are accomplishing as a community.**

On behalf of the Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario (ECAO), our Executive, our Board, our staff, and our members- Thank you!

There is no need for an outline of the current situation in which we find our industry and ourselves as partners; we have both spent considerable time assessing, reassessing, and acting to ensure that we are operating in the best interests of our members at the moment and well into the future. Our collaboration on all things COVID 19 has led Ontario's construction industry. In fact, I recently received correspondence from an ECAO member-contractor who wrote:

*As you might expect we receive multiple notifications from the various associations, and we appreciate them all, but what we get from ECAO clearly stands out above the crowd. They are always relevant, accurate, informative, and well timed.*

Only as a result of our common goals of keeping all of our members safe, and emerging from the pandemic stronger, united, and more invigorated is ECAO's ability to effectively represent and inform our community possible. Thank you!

Thus, allow us to recognize contributions and offer our gratitude to:

- You and your provincial office. I know that you are "front and centre" when we see actions from the IBEW/CCO, and we clearly recognize and applaud your contributions. However, we are equally aware that it is the entirety of your team that is responsible for allowing you to contribute as you have. Kudos to everyone at IBEW/CCO.
- The IBEW/CCO executive. It is also clear that you have the support and authority to act from your executive. No doubt they have contributed with analysis, perspective, and practical considerations of their smaller communities. Yet, they have provided you and your office with the ability to represent our industry. We express our gratitude to your executive.

- Business Managers. The local ECA managers, who are in regular communication with their IBEW counterparts, have made it a point to applaud their efforts throughout this crisis. Thank you to them and their staff.
- Your members. Regardless of the role they are playing during the pandemic, your members deserve our sincere gratitude. Without their efforts, contributions to their families/communities/employers, passion for their trades, and desire to “get the job done” (whatever that job may be in these times), we would be at a standstill. They have ECAO’s sincere appreciation.

We look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationship, to collaborating to get our industry through the pandemic, and to joining in the revival of our industry as we emerge from COVID 19.

Take care of others, and take care of yourself.

Sincerely,



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