

LABOUR MANAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

December 7, 2010

Honourable Jennifer Howard
Minister of Labour and Immigration
Room 317,
Legislative Building
Winnipeg MB R3C 0V8

Dear Minister:

Thank you for providing the Labour Management Review Committee (LMRC) with an opportunity to review a proposal to amend *The Retail Businesses Holiday Closing Act* (the Act) to expand shopping hours on Boxing Day when it falls on a Sunday. The amendment to the Act would allow for unrestricted shopping when Boxing Day falls on a Sunday, as it will this year. This change would also give municipalities the right to establish their own shopping hours in those particular years as well it would protect stores from being forced to open due to lease provisions or other agreements.

The LMRC has reviewed the issue and unanimously agrees on the appropriateness of such legislation.

We would like to thank the members of the LMRC for their prompt consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

Original signed

Kevin Rebeck
Labour
Caucus Chair

Original signed

Michael Werier
Chairperson

Original signed

Peter Wightman
Management
Caucus Chair

cc: Members of the Manitoba Labour Management Review Committee