



AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION CANADIAN COUNCIL (ATU CANADA)

March 19, 2014

TO: All ATU Canada Affiliates and Friends

RE: Petition to Reduce Driver Fatigue Pertaining to Maximum Drive Times

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As many of you are aware, ATU Local 1624 and President Allan Medd have been calling upon the Government of Canada to make changes to legislation surrounding the hours of service for inter-city motor coach drivers to ensure a minimum 10 hours rest. Currently their drivers are subjected to 13-hour maximum drive times with on-duty shifts lasting up to 16 hours. This leaves very little opportunity for drivers to obtain the required amount of sleep experts say is required to operate safely and remain healthy.

Brother Medd is requesting the assistance of your Local in circulating the attached petition to your members and anyone else that is willing to sign it. Any signed petitions can be returned to Local 1624 or ATU Canada and we will forward them to the proper elected official.

If you choose to send the petition directly to your Member of Parliament, just enter your postal code at the link below to find your MP and enter their name at the bottom of the petition.

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parlinfo/Compilations/HouseofCommons/MemberByPostalCode.aspx?Menu=HOC>

Please copy the Council on any petitions mailed directly.

On behalf of ATU Local 1624, I thank you in advance for your assistance on this very important safety matter.

In Solidarity,

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PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

Concerning Reducing Driver Fatigue Pertaining to Maximum Drive Times

We, the undersigned, residents to Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

- THAT sleep deprivation could have negative long-term effects for our drivers if current legislation persists;
- THAT the Canadian Safety Council has stated, “driving while fatigued is comparable to driving while drunk”;
- THAT the number one cause of fatal accidents in the past decade has been due to driver fatigue;
- THAT drivers are currently subjected to 13-hour maximum drive times with on-duty shifts lasting up to 16 hours, leaving very little time to maintain the adequate amount of sleep.

THEREFORE, we call upon the Government of Canada to exercise foresight and make changes to legislation surrounding the hours of service for motor coach drivers to ensure minimum 10 hours rest.

FULL NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	E-MAIL

Please return this document to:

**House of Commons
Ottawa (ON) K1A 0A6**