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From: David & Irene
To: president@labourwatch.com
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Subject: your website

I have just reviewed your site. The answers you give to questions like, Why does the Union what me? is terribly biased. What happed to the concept of those employees seeking the union? Which is most likely the case! When employers, who do not treat their employees with a little dignity and respect will have the employees seeking it in other ways. By calling in a Union.

This website is surely put on by the Merit Shop from Alberta and the ICBA in BC.

I would like you to send me a response and tell me you are not.

Response:

David and/or Irene,

We have 18 sponsoring Member Associations, including ICBA in BC and Merit in 4 other provinces. We also have 30 sponsoring law firms from coast to coast - you can see the full list at: www.labourwatch.com/aboutus/aboutus-supporters.phtml.

Please note that we direct employees who want to form or keep a union to the excellent union websites via their respective provincial Federation of Labour or the CLC and we have links to all of them on our website. We do not need to duplicate what is already available. Scroll down this link to find them: <http://www.labourwatch.com/news/news-links.phtml>

In terms of the types of questions we have and the answers to them and calling us "terribly biased", I would appreciate it if you would please review the Overview and Introduction at the following link: <http://www.labourwatch.com/aboutus/index.phtml>. I hope that after you read this you will at least understand us moreso even if you still dislike us as much as I sense you do from the tone of your email.

In fact, if you compare our site to any union site - I challenge you to say who is more biased. The only information I find on union websites about us - attacks us and makes untrue statements. No union website that I have been able to find tells employees how to cancel their membership or how to decertify - how "biased" is that? Now, I don't think union websites should necessarily do that because that is not their purpose. But, frankly, it does make us less biased overall as a total package of information. Finally, we tell employees what they should not do to each other and what employers and unions should not do to employees who are making unionization decisions. We have a website for employers that helps them with understanding and obeying labour relations laws.

70% of Canadians have not unionized. 86% of them told Leger Marketing in a poll this summer that they do not want to be unionized. The level of unionization is falling especially outside of government and crown corporations. What we do is ensure that employees who do not want a union to come in or who have a union with whom they are no longer satisfied - both of which are a part of the same laws that enable and support unionization - can get the information and forms as easily as those who want to unionize. Surely you are not of the view that your fellow employees who do not want a union have no right to be able to be informed about the law.

I do hope this helps and really do hope that you will review the 3 sections of the site I have linked to. If you can find a union site that explains cancellation and decertification I will stand corrected and add them to our list of links.

Sincerely,

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