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TO: ALL AFFILIATES

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

**RE: DEBRA MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE CLC PACIFIC REGION
WINTER SCHOOL**

In 1999, a scholarship fund was created in the memory of Debra Mills, an activist on behalf of people with disabilities.

Debra was a good friend to working people, and especially workers with disabilities. In her work for the Machinists in the IAM CARES program, through her United Way activism, and as a member of the Federation's Community and Social Action Committee, Debra challenged all of us to make workers with disabilities full members of the labour force and our unions.

The purpose of the scholarship dedicated to her memory is to provide opportunities for people with disabilities to take leadership roles in our movement.

I am pleased that affiliate contributions to date allow us to provide a scholarship to this year's CLC Pacific Region Winter School and I am writing to solicit applications from affiliates for a deserving member to receive this year's scholarship.

The scholarship will cover the cost of course registration, single accommodation and meals for a one-week course at this year's school. The successful applicant will also be eligible for the normal travel subsidy outlined in the CLC Winter School brochure.

The eligibility criteria are straightforward. Applicants must be persons with disabilities who want to gain union skills by attending the Winter School. Their local union, lodge or chapel must also be an affiliate of the B.C. Federation of Labour.

The scholarship will be decided by a lottery draw that will take place on January 10, 2008.

Applications should be received at our office by January 4, 2008. A copy of the application form is attached.

In solidarity,

ANGELA SCHIRA
Secretary-Treasurer

cc: *G. Smith, Canadian Labour Congress*

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