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## Race to the Bottom

The Building Trades of Alberta (BTA) and all tradespeople across Canada should be concerned about the long-lasting effects that NCC Local 1999's corruption of union values will have on organized labour. Now is the time for us as the Building Trades of Alberta to show solidarity against Local 1999 and their trend of Wall-To-Wall agreements that threaten to degrade our industry.

The BTA has always opposed the model and values of CLAC and the negative effects they have had on the working conditions of all construction tradespeople. It is unfortunate that an International Union has allowed themselves to be aligned with these anti-union values for the sake of stealing market share from other trade unions.

To be clear, the BTA does not view the members of the Carpenter Locals 1325 and 2103 to be the problem. Carpenter members are allies in the fight for workers' rights in this province. In fact, we urge all members of the Carpenters to contact their International Representative and speak out against this assault on the labour movement.

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Recently we met with Alberta's Minister of Energy and Minerals. He is concerned that not enough workers will come back to Alberta. The Building Trades of Alberta shares this concern. We know that organizations that don't have the best interests of workers at heart will drive away potential investment and make Alberta less appealing to tradespeople from across North America.

We have posted this flowchart to illustrate the depth to which the Carpenters have sunk in the organizations they have affiliated with to accelerate this race to the bottom.

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