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Request from Mandy Symonds, President
Southern Nova Scotia Seasonal Worker Alliance

Hi we are asking council for a letter of support meaning asking the local M.P and Carla Qualtrough Minister of Employment Workforce and Disability Inclusion for a reform of employment insurance .Over a year ago our group and others were in on zoom meetings speaking on changes needed in the reform for seasonal workers ,the hours lowered to 420 and 35 weeks of employment insurance and the best weeks set as 12, The hours are a record high of 665 with the best weeks set as 21 and looking like the hours will soon hit 700 and 22 best weeks. For instance some one making \$15.000 a year they apply for employment insurance this it how they figure out what you will get, take \$15.000 multiply by 55 percent of your earnings you get \$8.250 divide that by 21 the best weeks which is used as a divisor is \$392.00 a week then take income tax out not much left to live on ,We need a letter sent to ask for 420 weeks and guaranteed 35 weeks of employment insurance with a divisor of 12 , We live in the lobster capital where most jobs are in the lobster industry , if you have any further questions call and will do my best to answer them 902- , Thank you Mandy Symonds

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President Mandy Symonds

Hi I am a volunteer advocate
for seasonal workers. Our goal is
for a reform of employment insurance

Our area has high volume of
seasonal jobs, which most make
a living. With the high hours to
quality and high best weeks many
are struggling to make ends meet

I have a meeting planned on
April 22. at Ishanda Barrington
area fire hall at 6:30.

Pierre LaHiberte - Commissioner
for workers

Tony Tracy - Justice for workers
Nova Scotia

I have invited the M.P for our
area and the M.P for Yarmouth area
M.L.A Nolan Young

The Mayor and Council of
Clarks Harbour

And I would like to invite
the Warden and Council of

Barrington