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**CAW Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries (Excluding Quebec)**

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters:*

**Re: Bud Jimmerfield Award 2009**

Anyone who attended the December 1997 CAW Council meeting will remember the moving address by Bud Jimmerfield, President of CAW Local 89 who at the time had only a couple of months to live. Brother Jimmerfield contracted cancer of the esophagus from exposure to metalworking fluids during the 30 years of his employment in an automotive parts plant in Southern Ontario.

Together with his wife Diane and his eight children, Bud charged us with an important responsibility – don't mourn my death, fight for the living and do your best to try to prevent future occupational diseases, death and injuries from occurring. Brother Jimmerfield was a tireless health, safety and environment and workers' compensation activist, not just at his workplace and on the CAW Health and Safety Committee, but at other workplaces and in communities from coast to coast.

It is for this reason CAW Council decided to have an annual Bud Jimmerfield Award which would recognize the contribution of an outstanding CAW Health, Safety, Environment or Workers' Compensation activist. This award is made once a year at the December CAW Council meeting.

Eligible health, safety, environment or workers' compensation activists must be CAW members and be nominated by their Local union leadership or local workplace leadership. These activists must have shown leadership in helping their fellow workers and as well have participated in activities beyond their workplace.

I request that you send your nominations for Bud Jimmerfield Award to the CAW Health & Safety Department **to be received no later than Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

