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Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

As I write this, a new year is soon upon us. Where does the time go? We have noticed, more and more, in recent weeks the influence of style type residential wood framing on some of our commercial sites. I realize in recent years, we have lost our competitiveness and lost most of our market share in the wood framing sector. We cannot help but wonder how we can get more of our wood framing sector back before all is lost. The pay scale for residential wood framing work, Craft Schedule 'R', was last listed in the May 4, 1998 to May 4, 2001 collective agreement and was almost 84% of our journeyman rate.

We believe one part of the solution would be to create a data base of experience union framers that would be available to contractors in an effort to reclaim some of our lost market share. Another area we are looking at is in regards to our rate and how to remain competitive against the non-union contractors. In order to reach these ends, we need to hear from you. If you have experience in wood framing and are interested in working in this field, we encourage you to contact us and be added to our data base. We thank all our members for their support and help in addressing this issue.

Fraternaly yours,

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