

OPEN LETTER TO BGIS

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We are the hard-working janitors who clean and take care of BC Hydro properties across British Columbia.

For years we have been organizing with our Justice for Janitors campaign and trying to lift our families out of poverty.

As members of SEIU Local 2, We ratified a collective agreement last year that gave us modest gains, including wage increases, paid sick days and some improvements to our health and dental benefit plan.

Recently, we learned that BGIS awarded the cleaning contract to Alpine Building Maintenance who are set to take over the cleaning on March 1, 2019. **Alpine is refusing to recognize our union and collective agreement.**

We now **risk losing our jobs and the benefits we've worked so hard to win**, both of which our families depend on to survive.

Working families at BGIS properties need good jobs. As the property manager and contracting authority, you have the power to ensure that Alpine hire us and recognize our union contract. We urge you to act in a socially responsible way by exercising your power to ensure our rights are protected.

We would like some assurances from you as soon as possible that our jobs and the improvements we have fought hard to ~in will not be put at risk. If necessary, we will stand-up for our rights and our families and take action.

Sincerely,

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