



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PÉTITION NO : **421-04080**

PAR : **MR. BLAIKIE (ELMWOOD-TRANSCONA)**

DATE : **MAY 31, 2019**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **RODGER CUZNER**

Response by the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour

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Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

National day

ORIGINAL TEXT

Reply

The Government would like to thank the petitioners for expressing their interest in declaring July 10th of every year as “National Lineworker Appreciation Day”, an official day dedicated to raising awareness of the dangers faced by Lineworkers in their everyday work and their efforts in ensuring Canadians have continued access to secure and reliable energy.

Our Government strongly believes that the issue of workplace safety is a serious matter that cannot be ignored and has taken actions to improve it. In the past 10 years, in both federal and provincial jurisdictions, approximately 1,000 Canadian workers have died each year as a result of workplace accidents or occupational diseases. For example, employees in the federal jurisdiction under the *Canada Labour Code* have the right to be informed of known or foreseeable hazards in the workplace and to be provided with the information, instruction, training and supervision necessary to protect their health and safety. They also have the right and the responsibility to participate in identifying and correcting job-related health and safety concerns as well as refusing dangerous work that is beyond the context of their workplace responsibilities.

The Government of Canada applauds the petitioners' efforts in making a special day for Lineworkers that is similar with other special days of recognition in Canada, such as Labour Day and International Workers' Day, which celebrate decent work, dignity and respect in the workplace.]