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Mark Weber
National President, Customs and Immigration Union

Mr. Weber,

The Bloc Québécois has always been the workers' party, and we are committed to remaining the workers' party. You can therefore continue to rely on us to defend workers' rights. The Bloc Québécois has always been receptive to the demands of the Customs and Immigration Union, supporting a number of measures put forward by the union, such as increasing staffing levels and allowing CBSA officers to patrol outside border crossings.

With respect to the right to bargain collectively, we have systematically opposed any special measure aimed at legislating unionised workers back to work. We believe that job action by employees is important in order to reach a balance of power across the table, otherwise the playing field would be tilted steeply in favour of the employer. The right to unionize is a fundamental right, enshrined in the Quebec Labour Code and the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, and also in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms at the federal level. We will stand against any attempt to interfere with this right. As well, the Bloc Québécois has always advocated for the Rand formula. As all workers benefit from the gains made by unions, we believe it is only appropriate that everyone pay union dues. We are aware that a number of Conservative groups would like the Rand formula to be abolished, resulting in an erosion of union bargaining power. But we will continue to oppose any attempt to restrict it. Finally, as we have always done, we will go on supporting defined benefit pension plans for public sector workers, and consequently, for your members.

At the same time, we have, in recent years focused on the purchasing power of pensioners and seniors in general. This issue will remain a priority.

You may rest assured that the Bloc Québécois will defend the rights of all workers, including those of Canada Border Services Agency employees.

We hope that our answers will give you a better understanding of our political action.

Our website will provide more details about our policies:
<http://www.blocquebeois.org/>

Respectfully,

The 2025 Bloc Québécois Campaign Team