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## Community Groups Join Call for Independent Audit of Impact Cleaning Services Ltd.

### **Joint statement follows complaints of widespread abuses**

TORONTO - Prominent community groups in Toronto are calling on building owners and managers who contract cleaning work out to Impact Cleaning Services Limited (Impact Cleaning) to allow an independent audit of the employment practices in their buildings.

The joint statement comes after complaints made by employees of Impact Cleaning about widespread abuses, including workers not being covered by WSIB, low wages, not being paid for work done and a sub-contracting scheme which results in many workers not being covered by basic Employment Standards Act protections.

The Canadian Tamil Congress, the Chinese Canadian National Congress – Toronto Chapter, the Canadian Hispanic Congress, the Toronto and York region labour Council and others have signed the letter.

*The letter states “In other cities in North America property managers and owners have played a role in ensuring that contractors meet various standards. This has helped cleaning workers to obtain a better life and job. In these times when our communities are facing serious issues around poverty and lack of good jobs, it is important that companies such as yours play a role in setting the standard of good corporate citizenship.”*

The letter was sent as part of a campaign by cleaning workers in Toronto to raise their living standards. A complaint has been made to the Ministry of Labour regarding the various sub-contracting schemes Impact Cleaning Services is alleged to be engaged in by the Service Employees International Union Local 2 (SEIU).

To date over 2,000 cleaning workers from five cleaning companies have joined SEIU’s Justice for Janitors movement in Toronto.

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*The Service Employees International Union is the largest and fastest growing union in North America, with 100,000 workers in Canada and 2 million workers across Canada, the United States and Puerto Rico.*