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Improvement in real wealth and standard of living can be attributed, almost exclusively to what we sell outside of our province. If we didn't sell things outside of MB you understand that we would always be circulating the same money.

In 2002 the Gross Domestic Product of MB was \$31,259,000,000(1) of which \$9,293,200,000(2) was earned from things sold outside of MB, exports. New money to improve the standard of living for all Manitobans. Nearly 1/5 of our GDP was earned from exports.

With very few exceptions, all of that \$9,293,200,000 was produced by agriculture, mining, logging, hydro, heavy and light industry & manufacturing. The work involved in all these enterprises earning the \$9,293,200,000 has an element of risk & danger. Doctors, dentists, lawyer, etc. etc. are all needed or thought to be needed & while they may contribute to our quality of living they seldom produce any thing that can be exported & contribute to our standard of living. You must realize that without that \$9,293,200,000 we soon wouldn't be able to afford those doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc. & they would be off to some place that could pay them more.

It's fair to say that the improvement in our standard of living comes with an element of risk & danger & sometimes at a cost, a great cost.

In 2001 the average household income was \$57, 496I estimated about \$9,000 for income tax which leaves \$48, 496

In 2001 the average household spent \$19, 574 on necessities of life like food, clothing, shelter etc.

The rest, \$28,922, was spent on cars, appliances, gadgets, ATV, holidays, entertainment, etc. all this that improve our quality of life.

Without things to bring in new money we would soon be reduced to an income that would provide for little more than the necessities of life.

Your people all enjoy a rich life style, indeed all of MB enjoys a standard of living amongst the highest in the world. Practically without exception this affluent life style comes with an element of risk & danger & sometimes at a cost, a great cost.

On the 27th of May 1969 U was a 25 year old man with a wife & 2 daughters.

All I ever wanted to be was to be a pilot & on the 27th of May 69 I had a commercial pilot's license with several endorsements, a perfect medical & was well on my way to an Airline Transport Rating.

That all changed the next morning.

I had spent many hours & a pile of money \$and cents my family had done without a lot of things to get to get were I was with my pilots training.

I was working in the mines to earn more money for my pilot training & still be able to provide a decent living for my wife and kids.

On the morning of the 28th of May 69 all that what seemed like a fortune to us was wasted money

Senior pilots to day earn nearly \$200,000 a year & I would have been a senior pilot.

I am classified as 100% disabled. I was told that I have about 20% use of my body below the waist.

Thai's 20% of my ability to walk, 20% of my control of my bowels & bladder, 20% of every thing that goes below the waist.

For this I get what is called compensation. It's even in the name Workers Compensation Board of MB. You can't compensate me for this. You talk about benefits. What I receive are not benefits. They are the very least that the people of MB the people who are enjoying this opulent life style in health & without physical limitation, can do for the ones that are injured producing this wealth. I appreciate everything the Board has done for us. While I appreciate these things there is no way that it can make up for that this experience, of the past 35 years has cost me & my family

While we receive a token replacement of earnings that costs the people of MB about \$2000 a month, which, by the way is below poverty level, MY COSTS & THE COST TO MY FAMILY ARE WITHOUT PRICE 7 GO ON 24 HRS. A DAY.

WHAT DO I WANT YOU PEOPLE TO DO

1. Income tax lumps WCB payments in with welfare & supplements.
Payments received by the WCB client are neither welfare or a supplement. They are a remittance received for giving a part of themselves for MB. WCB payments have to be separated form welfare and supplements because that encourages people to think that we are getting something for nothing.
2. The word benefit implies that we're receiving an act of kindness & compensation implies recompense. Neither of these words apply. I receive the very best that the people of MB can contribute & I've already said that I can't be compensated for this. Those 2 words should be struck form your vocabulary & replaced with words that better reflect the sacrifice made by the injured worker's of the province.