

PETITION

TO The Legislative Assembly of Ontario: -

WHEREAS, Nortel disabled former employees meet the literal meaning of the defined term "consumer" in the Ontario Consumer Protection Act;

WHEREAS, disability insurance services supplied by Nortel and Sun Life meet the literal meaning of the defined term "consumer transaction" in the Ontario Consumer Protection Act;

WHEREAS, terms and conditions of employment, or disputes arising in the context of workplace relationships, are not in the long list of exceptions for which the Ontario Consumer Protection Act and Regulations do not apply;

WHEREAS, disability insurance services supplied by Nortel and Sun Life are within the spirit and object of the Ontario Consumer Protection Act as expressed in the Hansard Transcript of the Ontario Legislature and Ontario Standing Committee of Finance and Economic Affairs;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Government supported the March 30, 2010 Nortel settlement agreement, whose legal release prevents the Nortel disabled from undertaking their own civil litigation to remedy wrongdoings in respect to Nortel's disability insurance and Health and Welfare Trust, and whose court approval relied on a single Nortel disabled court appointed representative agreeing to the settlement, without having the informed consent of the Nortel disabled group;

WHEREAS, the Federal Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act enables the priority payment of a court restitution order prepared by a regulatory body, when a viable compromise of the debtor is unaffected and the public interest is served, for example, the recent court approval for Non Bank ABCP regulatory settlements to be paid to owners.

WHEREAS, The Nortel disabled former employees have had at least a 65% cut in their disability income within the Nortel CCAA proceedings to date, and on March 31, 2012, the Ottawa Citizen defines these court proceedings to be "a glaring example of everything that is wrong with the justice system."

