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MP Chris Lewis joined Conservative House Leader, Andrew Scheer, last night to speak to Bill C-241, a deduction of travel expenses for tradespersons.

MP Lewis stated that this Bill is “a common-sense bill to support the hard-working skilled trades men and women and their families.”

Rich executives fly first class to meetings and eat extravagant food and then can write those expenses off, but the average tradesperson cannot. This bill gives Canadian trades people the ability to write-off travel expenses when they travel further than 120 km away from their normal residence.

The Bill fits well with the current challenges to the construction industry and enables workers to be more mobile and find work away from home, supporting the vast labour shortage that Canada currently faces.

Although the Liberal government has presented a limited measure for trades people to claim \$4000 a year on travel expenses, Bill C-241 has no upper limit on the amount that can be deducted. This bill will go a long way to help trades people find work and bring that money back to their families at home.

“This is a win, win, win solution for everybody!” stated Andrew Scheer. “The question is, why did the Liberal government vote against this bill when it is so needed?” It seems Liberals don’t want to make life easier for hard working families.

Today in the House of Commons the Conservatives, the NDP and the Bloc all voted in favour of Bill C-241 but the Liberals failed to support worker’s mobility. Support for this bill continues to grow and now it is set to head through the Senate. All supporters are called upon to speak up for making this practical and common-sense bill law passed into law.

Bill C-241 won by 172-152 votes. Thank you to all those who have supported Bill C-241, with a special thanks to Tomi Hulkkonen, the Coordinator of UBC Local 494, Karl Lovett, Business Manager, IBEW Local 773, members of the Windsor Building Trades and Pierre Poilievre, CPC Leader. Without the support of the people, we could not have come this far.

PMB vote details:

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Time: 3:00pm

Location: House of Commons, Ottawa