

## **Amalgamated Transit Union Canada**

Leader of the Official Opposition Rona Ambrose MP.

I'm appalled of the laughter that came from the Conservative Caucus when Minister of Transportation Amarjeet Sohi stood in the House of Commons when he informed the house that he is a former bus driver as he stood to pay his respects to the Transit Operator who lost his life in Winnipeg while performing the duties of his job.

The actions of this laughter was the ultimate disrespect to the tens of thousands of transit operators that provide the best public service to our communities across Canada.

At a time when our governments should be doing more to protect the workers in an industry where assaults are increasing the Conservative Party is laughing in the face of these working-class people who at the end of their shifts want to go home to their families.

I call on you to stand in the House of Commons and formally apologize to Minister Sohi, the tens of thousands of Transit Operators that you have greatly offended and to the family of Irvine J. Fraser who has lost his life to such a senseless act of violence while performing the duties of a Transit Operator.

SHAME!

Paul Thorp President ATU Canada

