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NEWS RELEASE

Jimmy's Law common sense in Weyburn, Estevan

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Most late-night businesses in the Weyburn and Estevan area already schedule two or more employees during late-night shifts – but not all.

“Jimmy's Law is common sense,” said Forbes. “One worker alone is vulnerable to crime – but what we're hearing from these workers is that they also feel more protected working in pairs because they have another person there in case of medical emergency. Even when it comes to taking their breaks, having two employees on shift just makes sense.”

Forbes' survey in Weyburn and Estevan is consistent with other communities visited on the Jimmy's Law tour, the purpose of which is to consult with late-night retail workers at the time and place most convenient for them and to take stock of security conditions in their workplaces.

While most businesses schedule at least two workers between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. or provide a locked door or barrier for an employee, Jimmy's Law aims to guarantee the same protection for all employees.

In Estevan and Weyburn, Forbes was again joined by Aaron Nagy, who was a close friend of Jimmy Wiebe, for whom Jimmy's Law was named. Wiebe was shot and killed in 2011 while working alone at night at a gas station in Yorkton. Forbes was also joined on Sunday by Darren Kaytor, who has twice been the victim of robbery with a weapon while working graveyard shifts in Saskatoon.

Forbes and Nagy have also visited Yorkton, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and North Battleford on the graveyard shift consultation tour.

Bill 601, The Jimmy's Law Act, is a private members bill before the Legislative Assembly. It was introduced by Forbes in December.

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