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PRESS RELEASE

The Public Service Union of Belize (PSU) takes this time to inform its members, Public officers and the general public that the first three weeks of the Presidential Countrywide Familiarization Tour has been completed.

In the first three weeks Government Offices in the Corozal, Orange Walk, Belize, Stann Creek and Toledo Districts were visited. Due to time constraints experienced in some Districts, a few offices were missed along the tour. The President wishes to reassure public officers in those offices that were not visited, that he will be visiting them at a subsequent date to be announced in the upcoming month.

We regretfully inform that of all the offices visited, only the newly amalgamated Belize Tax Services Department in Belize City, outrightly refused the President and his team, of which they were informed on the morning prior to their arrival. This is in direct contravention of Cap 304 Section 40 (1) (2) Trade Unions and Employers' Organizations' (Registration, Recognition and Status) Act (Access to employer's premises) which states:

40.- (1) No employer shall refuse or fail to give an officer or representative of a certified trade union such reasonable access to the employer's premises as may be necessary for the promotion of the lawful activities of the trade union.

(2) In granting any access under subsection (1) of this section, it shall be lawful for an employer to impose such conditions and restrictions as to the time of entry by the officer or representative as may be reasonable and necessary to avoid disruptions of operations and to protect employees' safety.

We take this time to thank all Heads of Departments and Officers in Charge who gave us the opportunity to visit with our Members and Prospective Members. We trust that the rest of the Tour will transpire without incident. We continue to encourage all public officers to participate in the short meet and greet session in your office and to come out to the Membership Meeting in your area.

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