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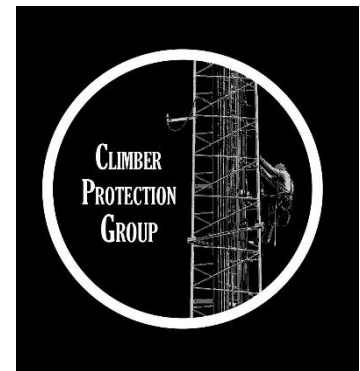
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CPG TOWER CLIMBER SAFETY CONGRESSIONAL PACKET SUBMITTED TO SENATOR TAMMY DUCKWORTH

CHICAGO, IL, JANUARY 5, 2026 – **Climber Protection Group (CPG)** formally submitted a congressional packet to the office of **Senator Tammy Duckworth** on January 5, 2026, outlining the systemic safety issues within the telecommunications tower climbing industry. The CPG congressional packet documents ongoing unsafe work conditions, lack of accountability and industry practices that place climbers at unnecessary risk.

Calling attention to structural and economic pressures that incentivize unsafe work practices, CPG's collection of evidence from documented incidents, firsthand testimony and investigative work highlighted in the documentary series, *Life of a Tower Climber*. The CPG submission on behalf of every tower climber in the United States (including those who have lost their lives due to unsafe industry practices) urges federal-level review and oversight.

"Tower climbing is inherently dangerous, and it will always be a high-risk profession," said **Tommy Schuch**, industry veteran, **CPG Founder/President** and director of *Life of a Tower Climber*. "But current industry practices and corporate decisions make it far more dangerous than it should be. This submission is about holding the industry accountable and protecting the lives of climbers."

CPG's mission is to ensure that every tower climber has a safe, fair, and protected workplace. No climber should ever be forced to choose between getting the job done and making it home alive. **Reporting saves lives.** CPG provides anonymous reporting of hazardous work/conditions which provides essential protection for climbers who face unsafe conditions or unethical practices but fear retaliation. CPG amplifies climbers' voices by exposing industry dangers, advocating for stronger safety standards, and pushing for change.

ABOUT CPG:

Climber Protection Group NFP is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and advocacy-related purposes under Illinois not-for-profit law. While the organization is **not yet recognized as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) by the IRS**, it **intends to seek federal tax-exempt status in the future**. Contributions to CPG are currently **not tax-deductible**.

With a mission based in advocacy, investigation, and education, CPG will produce original content including interviews, reports, and industry analysis. The organization will collaborate with labor experts, safety professionals, and experienced climbers to ensure the accuracy and credibility of its materials.