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Emergency Actions – Hands off the \$15 minimum wage and decent work laws

To: Presidents and All Members
From: Harvey Bischof, President

For Immediate Action

Yesterday, the Ford Government introduced legislation to repeal or roll back significant pieces of Bill 148's hard fought improvements to Ontario's labour laws.

The Conservative government introduced legislation to:

- freeze the minimum wage at \$14 for the next two years and cancel the January 1 increase to \$15,
- eliminate two paid sick days for all workers,
- cancel fair scheduling rules,
- take away the right to equal pay for equal work for less than full time employees
- make changes to the *Labour Relations Act* that include decreasing fines to employers for some violations of the *Labour Relations Act*,
- and many other changes that will affect Ontario's most precarious workers.

For more information on the legislation please visit:

www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-47

news.ontario.ca/mol/en/2018/10/open-for-business-removing-burdens-while-protecting-workers.html

This legislation removes the most basic protections from workers who need them most. It is an attack on low-income workers, women, people of colour and newcomers who are disproportionately represented in precarious jobs.

In response to these rollbacks, starting today, Emergency Actions, planned by www.15andfairness.org, are being announced. We ask district and bargaining unit presidents to send this information out to their members, and to encourage members to participate and to stand up for all workers in Ontario.

We also encourage members to [email Premier Doug Ford](#) to “Speak Out For Decent Work” by [clicking here](#) and telling him why these rollbacks are bad for Ontario workers.



The 15 and Fairness movement has initiated this swift action to tell elected officials that there will be real consequences to attacking communities and precarious workers.

Below is a list of planned events. Keep checking www.15andfairness.org/events for newly added venues.

For more information regarding these actions, please contact Tracey Marshall at tracey.marshall@osstf.ca, or by calling provincial office.

Please join an Emergency Action near you.

Wednesday, October 24

OAKVILLE

Oakville Emergency Action

Wednesday, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Oakville GO Bus station, 214 Cross Ave.

https://www.15andfairness.org/oakville_oct24

OTTAWA

Ottawa Emergency Action

Wednesday, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM - Ottawa Board of Trade, 328 Somerset St. West

https://www.15andfairness.org/ottawa_oct24

NORTH BAY

North Bay Emergency Action

Wednesday, 4:00 – 5:00 PM – Intersection of Judge Street and Lakeshore Street

www.facebook.com/events/179445379603992/

WATERLOO

Waterloo Emergency Action

Wednesday, 4:00 PM - Waterloo Square, 75 King St South

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1956765354401727/>

LONDON

London Emergency Action

Wednesday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM - London Chamber of Commerce, 244 Pall Mall St.

https://www.15andfairness.org/london_oct24

WHITBY

Durham Emergency Action

Wednesday, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM - MPP Lorne Coe Office, 114 Dundas St. East

https://www.15andfairness.org/whitby_oct24

TORONTO

Toronto Emergency Rally at the Ministry of Labour

Wednesday, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Ministry of Labour, 400 University Ave.

https://www.15andfairness.org/toronto_oct24rally

Thursday, October 25

PEEL

Peel Emergency Rally

Thursday, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM, Corner of Hurontario St. and Steeles Ave., Brampton

https://www.15andfairness.org/brampton_oct25rally

KINGSTON

Kingston Emergency Rally

Thursday, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Tim Hortons, 681 Princess St.

https://www.15andfairness.org/kingston_oct25

SCARBOROUGH

Scarborough Emergency Action

Thursday, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM, ACCES Employment (temp agency), 2100 Ellesmere Road, Suite 250 -- (Markham Rd. and Ellesmere Rd. intersection)

https://www.15andfairness.org/scarborough_oct25

Monday, October 29

HAMILTON

Hamilton Emergency Meeting

Monday, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Workers Arts & Heritage Centre, 51 Stuart St.

www.15andfairness.org/hamilton_oct29