Solidarity with Tim Hortons workers and all not yet unionized workers

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Unifor members across the country will be taking part in the national day of action on January 19 in support of Tim Hortons workers who have had their benefits and working conditions unilaterally removed by their employer. This is an important solidarity action to defend the rights of workers.

As a union and as individual trade union activists, we are deeply committed to supporting non-unionized workers in their fight to win justice on the job and a better standard of living for themselves and their families. This struggle is one for good jobs and a living wage for all. Unifor will never step away from this promise, for it is at the very core of our founding principles. Our union shares in these workers’ collective sense of injustice, frustration and steadfast determination to create a better future.

Unifor urges all members, and all people, to support non-unionized workers, particularly those who are seeing their benefits and working conditions rolled back as a result of recent changes to labour laws and an increase in the minimum wage.

In Ontario and Alberta, through lobbying and advocacy higher wages for minimum wage workers have been won. Now it is crucial that we step up our collective efforts to protect these gains and refuse to tolerate cuts to paid breaks, health care benefits or other aspects of workers compensation.

All workers – in all jobs and sectors of the economy – deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, to be fairly compensated for their work with a living wage, have their work valued by their employer and society more generally, and all workers deserve to be able to join a union of their choice.

Unifor supports the Fight for $15 and Fairness actions across the country and will continue to be part of the global movement for decent work for all.