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TO: Local Presidents and Recording Secretaries

Retail, Wholesale and Food Sector Conference April 4-6, 2025

Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport & Conference Centre

Greetings,

The Unifor National Retail, Wholesale and Food Sector Conference will take place April 4-6 in Toronto, Ontario. This is an exciting conference as it is our first one since 2019 and follows a period of historic bargaining and organizing in supermarkets, warehousing and food processing workplaces.

This conference will bring together affiliates and the executive of the Retail Industry Council, members, activists, local union leadership and staff across Canada to discuss, debate and organize worker power in the retail and food supply chain. Conference attendees will receive presentations from Unifor leadership, national research staff, organizers, and other community activists and experts on a range of topics relevant to the sector. Attendees will also have time to discuss workplace issues, identify challenges as well as shared struggles that will contribute to crafting a union-led retail and food supply chain strategy.

Locals are encouraged to register and book accommodations early as space is limited. The registration deadline is Friday, March 14.

The conference will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4, and will conclude no later than 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6. On-site registration will take place on Friday beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Registration

Registration for the Retail, Wholesale and Food Sector Conference will be online. Locals can register participants by visiting: https://register1.unifor.org/. Local Presidents have received their 2025 online usernames and passwords. If you are unable to find your registration information, or require assistance to get your local registered, please contact registration@unifor.org. The registration deadline is Friday, March 14.

Registration Fee

The registration fee for this conference is \$60.00 per attendee. Cheques can be made payable to Unifor and set as follows:

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Attn: Pedro Cristovao 115 Gordon Baker Rd. Toronto, ON M2H 0A8

Hotel Accommodations

A room block has been secured at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport and Conference Centre (655 Dixon Rd, Etobicoke). Standard rooms are available at a rate of \$ 229 per night for a Queen or \$259 per night for a King.

Reservations can be made using the <u>secure booking link</u>.

The deadline to take advantage of this rate is Friday, March 14.

Child Care

Child care is available for children 0-12 years of age of eligible delegates during the conference hours only. This does not include Grandchildren, Godchildren, Nieces, Nephews, Friends, etc. To ensure a spot in the program, please submit your child care registration forms to feechildcare@unifor.org no later than **Friday, March 14, 2025.**

Accessibility

Unifor seeks to make all union meetings and events accessible and barrier free. If you require accommodations for human rights related needs, we invite you to provide us with your relevant information so we can take all reasonable steps to address any barriers to your participation in your Union. Please email requests to laura.vickery@unifor.org.

In solidarity,

Tim Mitchell

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cc: Leadership, National Executive Board, National Representatives,

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