

TWO IMPORTANT REQUESTS – TIME SENSITIVE

Greetings!

The introduction of a \$15 minimum wage and sweeping new labour legislation has been an exciting development over the last month for our province.

Our union is working to ensure local leaders are informed about what this legislation means and what our next steps are. The Fair Work, Better Jobs Act (Bill 148) was introduced on June 1 and passed through first reading. This now means it is at the committee stage, which gives us an opportunity to push for further improvements. *Attached here you'll find a primer on Bill 148.*

I want you to know that this is not yet a done deal. Just as we can push to strengthen the legislation, we can also lose ground during the committee process before it goes to second reading in the fall. This is why I am contacting you today.

I'm writing ask you to do two things:

1. **Come on an urgent conference call** - Local Presidents, Executive Board members and Political Action Committee members are invited to come on an important province-wide conference call on **July 6 from 7-8 p.m.** to learn about the new legislation and discuss the next steps for our union. We want to hear from you.

Here are the phone-in details:

July 6 from 7-8 p.m.

Toll free: 1-866-602-7211

Local: 416-933-3840

Conference ID: 2780573

Please RSVP to Laura Hargrove at Laura.Hargrove@unifor.org by July 5.

2. **Present to the Standing Committee for Bill 148** - The Ontario government Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will be meeting over the summer to hear from Ontarians about Bill 148. This is our chance to make our voices heard.

I would ask that local unions sign up to present. The focus should be on the union advantage for you and your members, card-based certification, successorship rights for subcontracted sectors and paid leave for domestic and sexual violence survivors.

To sign up, please contact:

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The dates and locations are attached. We are particularly looking for people to present in Hamilton, North Bay, Niagara and Kingston.

In your request, please indicate that you are asking to appear before the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs on Bill 148. Please provide your full name, address, union position and who you represent. If you are speaking on behalf of an equity standing committee (ex. Aboriginal and Workers of Colour Committee), please mention that also. Please cc Shannon Devine Shannon.devine@unifor.org on your request. The deadline for signing up is July 4 at 10 a.m. for the first week and July 10 at 10 a.m. for the second week.

I am looking forward to working with all locals across Ontario to ensure we win the changes we need into law to improve the lives of all workers. Don't forget to RSVP as soon as possible for the province-wide conference call.

In solidarity,



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Week 1	
Monday, July 10	Thunder Bay
Tuesday, July 11	North Bay
Wednesday, July 12	Ottawa
Thursday, July 13	Kingston
Friday, July 14	Windsor-Essex
Week 2	
Monday, July 17	London
Tuesday, July 18	Kitchener-Waterloo
Wednesday, July 19	Niagara
Thursday, July 20	Hamilton
Friday, July 21	Toronto (Queen's Park)