

## **Electoral Reform Campaign motion**

Unifor National Convention, Ottawa, 8/22/2016

During the 2nd Unifor Convention, delegates discussed and debated the following motion to establish electoral reform as a campaign priority for the union. It passed unanimously.

**Whereas** delegates to Unifor's Canadian Council in Vancouver unanimously adopted the paper 'Politics for Workers – Unifor's Political Project'; and

**Whereas** 'Politics for Workers – Unifor's Political Project' dedicated a section of the paper to democratic and electoral reform; **and**

**Whereas** the Canadian government has asked the 'special committee on electoral reform' to identify and study a number of different voting systems – such as preferential ballots and proportional representation – to replace the first-past-the-post system. The committee was also asked to consider the issues of mandatory voting and online voting by December 1, 2016, therefore:

**Be it resolved that** Unifor endorse a 'Made in Canada' Proportional Representation (PR) electoral system to make every vote count, to be in place by the next federal election; and

**Be it further resolved that** Unifor National, Regional Council's and Locals actively campaign by launching an education program, a legislative & media campaign advocating for electoral reform and PR within our membership; and

**Be it further resolved that** Unifor continue to support and work with the Canadian Labour Congress and 'Every Voter Counts Alliance' to develop the broader civil society public response: [www.everyvotercounts.ca](http://www.everyvotercounts.ca).