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TO: ONTARIO HEADS OF UNIONS, OFL EXECUTIVE BOARD, OFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND OFL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Greetings,

Urgent Appeal for Labour Dispute Solidarity

OPSEU Local 546 TSSA Workers on Strike

Safety inspectors at the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) have been on strike since July 21, 2022. The Ford government claims to be working for workers, yet TSSA management is stonewalling negotiations since safety inspectors joined OPSEU Local 546.

TSSA workers are on picket lines across Ontario for a first contract. We urge the Ontario labour movement to send members, leadership, and staff to support the lines.

Please see the list of upcoming picket lines & solidarity actions below:

Thursday, September 22

Solidarity Picket & Rally: Society of United Professionals & TYRLC
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Ministry of Labour
400 University Avenue, Toronto

Friday, September 23

Ancaster Fair
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
630 Trinity Road South, Jerseyville

Friday, September 23

Bolton Fall Fair
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
150 Queen Street South, Bolton

Saturday, September 24

Carp Fair
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
3790 Carp Road, Carp

Please visit OPSEU's TSSA - Strike for Safety website for upcoming pickets and share their online action tool with your membership by clicking [here](#). We also encourage you to download our TSSA strike solidarity petition to gather physical signatures by clicking [here](#). You can send signed copies to 15 Gervais Drive, Suite 202, North York, M3C 1Y8.

Support CUPE Ontario School Board Council of Unions (OSBCU) Bargaining

CUPE's Ontario School Boards Council of Unions (OSBCU) represents 55,000 members, permanent, temporary, and casual, full-time, and part-time, more than 70% of whom are women. The average annual pay for this group of workers is \$39,000, as such, more than half work at least one additional job to make ends meet.

Despite falsehoods being spread by the Minister of Education, education workers' bargaining [Proposals for Student Success and Good Jobs](#) are reasonable, necessary, and affordable.

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With skyrocketing inflation pushing these already precarious workers to the brink, education workers are fighting to prevent another wage cut over the term of their next collective agreement.

How you can help:

- Talk to your friends and co-workers about the OSBCU campaign.
- Tell people to visit their website: <https://39000isnotenough.ca/> and sign the petition.
- Share the website to your social media feeds.
- Take a group photo with the hashtag #39isnotenough, tag the OSBCU and post it online.

Support for 28,000 Locked Out ACTRA Members

ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) has asked the Ontario labour movement for urgent solidarity to help end the lockout of 28,000 ACTRA members by the Institute of Canadian Agencies (ICA).

Throughout almost a year of negotiations to renew the NCA, the ICA and a group of large Canadian advertising agencies persistently tried to gut ACTRA's collective agreement by cutting the pay, health benefits, retirement contributions, and workplace protections for ACTRA's members, and looking for ways to go non-union for their commercials.

After imposing a lockout deadline of April 26, 2022, the ICA declared the agreement expired and unlawfully locked out ACTRA's 28,000 members from the workplace.

This illegal lockout is an attack on gig workers, who are already the smallest part of any commercial production budget.

ACTRA has launched a public email campaign to demand ICA end the lockout. We ask that you help promote this campaign far and wide with your membership, and on your social media platforms. Please click [here](#) for the campaign link.

The OFL stands in solidarity with ACTRA members in their fight to bring 28,000 actors back to work under a fair collective agreement.

Solidarity with 2,200 ATU Go Transit Workers

On August 4, 93% of Go Transit's 2,200 workers voted in favor of authorizing a strike after months of being forced to work without a contract.

Send a letter to Metrolinx's Board of Directors, COO, and CEO. Tell them to stop stonewalling negotiations and to bargain a fair contract!

Click [here](#) to send a letter telling Metrolinx leadership that you stand in solidarity with the members of ATU Local 1587. Please share this solidarity action with your membership.

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OFL Labour Dispute Registry

Please register labour disputes or requests for solidarity on our website [here](#), and connect with OFL Director of Political Action and Outreach Melisa Bayon at Mbayon@ofl.ca. Communicating that your members are engaged in a labour action will ensure the OFL can communicate details of the labour action with the broader labour movement, and rapidly mobilize boots on the ground in support.

Thank you for your support, and attention to this request.

In solidarity,



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