

March 29, 2018

To All Local Unions

Sisters and Brothers,

I wanted to raise an important development and victory as it relates to our ongoing issues with the labour movement (CLC).

As you all by now know, Unifor has taken issue with two local unions being put in to trusteeship by their U.S based unions for the purposes of quelling the dissent of workers. Unifor has taken the position that trusteeship of a local union does have its place in our structure, but it should not be used to silence the democratic rights of workers wanting to change unions.

Yesterday, in the Ontario budget, a change in the Labour Relations Act was introduced by the Liberal government that address the changes Unifor has being calling for.

- **Amendments to the *Labour Relations Act*.** The *LRA* will be amended to extend an existing provision that limits the imposition of a trusteeship (or any other interference that affects a union's autonomy) by a parent trade union over its local union where there isn't 'just cause'. The current provision only applies to the construction industry; it will now extend to all unions covered by the *LRA*.

Despite this change happening only in Ontario, Unifor believes this sets the stage to have these types of rights enshrined directly in to the Constitution of the CLC as we have been asserting in our ongoing discussions.

This is a significant achievement for our Union and certainly moves us closer to a process for workers, that respects their democratic rights.

We continue to have discussions with the CLC about the terms in which Unifor would affiliate again, as set out by our National Executive Board.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Dias". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jerry Dias,
National President.

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