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Rally May First on Parliament Hill Hold Governments Accountable to the People!

USW Local 1005 is pleased to inform you that its call for a Rally and Demonstration on Parliament Hill on May First has received an enthusiastic response from its own members and fellow-workers in Hamilton. It has also received a very favourable response from national and district labour organizations which represent all spheres of Canadian productive life, from resources to manufacturing to our public post office, health care, education, municipal services and other sectors such as energy and telecommunications.

By demanding that governments uphold public right not monopoly right, the aim of the Rally is to hold them accountable to the people. The Rally and Demonstration will address the demands of workers from coast to coast to coast in all sectors of the economy whose rights are being trampled in the mud. The problem whereby governments hand over monies from the public treasury to the rich and then declare the necessity to cut back social programs for lack of funds will be front and centre, as will the privatizing of public services and attempts to turn defined-benefit pension plans into savings plans with no guarantees. The takeover of key sectors of our economy and destruction of the means of production, as in the case of U.S. Steel and many other monopolies in manufacturing and resource extraction, will be opposed.

Canadian workers need governments which will stand up for them. We do not need governments which enter into secret deals and then issue communiqués that it is for our benefit because they say so.

Hold governments to account for the deteriorating wages, working conditions, benefits and pensions. Uphold Public Right Not Monopoly Right!

The pressure from monopoly right to wreck the country and our way of life is untenable. The answer is to stand together as one in defence of the rights of all! Every sphere of Canadian life is affected by the pressure of the neoliberal global agenda to wreck social programs, public services, manufacturing and livelihoods, and drive down wages, pensions and benefits. The

very integrity of Canada as an independent country is under threat as a result of attempts to integrate us into a United States of North American Monopolies. Not a day goes by without the announcement of another attack on Canadians who simply want to live and do their work in peace without monopoly right threatening their security, livelihood and existence. Goods and services Canadians produce are up for sale to the highest global bidder for their private profit without consideration of the social and natural consequences. So are we Canadians, the human beings who produce and provide the services. We are considered mere "costs" and impediments to global competition, as expendable "items" on a labour market up for sale not to the highest bidder but to the lowest, as dreaded "costs" to be discarded at the whim of the monopolies or when we are too old, injured or sick to work. Far from agreeing to become slave labour, workers are affirming their rights by virtue of being human and the producers of all wealth and providers of all services the society depends on for its living.

Local 1005 is very enthusiastic about the response so far and will keep you informed as the unions make their intentions public.

***An Injury to One Is an Injury to All! One for All and All for One!
All Out for May First on Parliament Hill!***

Demonstrations in Toronto February 14

Local 1005 workers and retirees are participating in two demonstrations in Toronto this Monday. At 12:00 noon, in front of the Bank of Nova Scotia at King and Bay streets, we will demonstrate alongside the Toronto and York Region Labour Council to oppose the attacks by U.S. Steel against the 900 locked out workers at Stelco and its 9,000 pensioners. The Bank of Nova Scotia is one of the financial institutions represented on the Board of Directors of U.S. Steel Canada.

The Labour Council of Toronto & York Region issued the following announcement: "Valentine's Day on Bay Street: Send a message to the CEO's and millionaires who sit on the Board of Directors of U.S. Steel, February 14, 12:00 noon, King & Bay. Supporters of the locked out Steelworkers in Hamilton will come to the country's financial centre to whisper (not-so-sweetly) about the attack on pensions and good jobs by corporate Canada."

Following this, we will participate in the Global Day of Action to Defend Trade Union Rights in Mexico in front of the Mexican Consulate at 1 p.m.

Demand that U.S. Steel Stop Its Arrogant Refusal to Settle a Respectable New Contract with Local 1005!



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