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Ontarians want big changes to employment and labour laws: 15 communities join April 15 Day of Action for \$15 and Fairness

Toronto, April 13, 2016 - On Friday, April 15 labour and community organizations across Ontario are uniting to call for decent work. These actions are taking place in advance of the first report of the province's Changing Workplaces Review. For over a year, two advisors appointed by the Ministry of Labour have been engaging Ontarians about needed changes to the laws that govern work and workplaces. Their first report is expected soon.

"Ontarians have big expectations for this review," said Pam Frache, provincial [Fight for \\$15 & Fairness](#) coordinator. "Whether it's parents trying to make ends meet on poverty wages, recent graduates struggling to pay student debt on short-term contracts, temp workers with no guarantee of hours, workers losing their wages and benefits when contracts flip, or unfair exemptions that leave some workers with no protection at all – more and more Ontarians are saying: Enough – we need changes now!"

The Fight for \$15 & Fairness is calling for sweeping reforms, including fair scheduling; further regulating temporary agencies; investing in pro-active, public enforcement of employment laws; imposing meaningful fines for labour law infractions; legislating seven paid sick days; an end to contract flipping; easier access to unions and more. Central in the campaign is the demand for a \$15 minimum wage for all workers, regardless of age, student status, job or area of work.

Community and labour groups are organizing actions in the following communities:

Barrie

Visiting MPP Ann Hoggarth's office
3:30 p.m. - Canadian Tire at 320 Bayfield Street
For media inquiries, contact Jessica Burnie 705-726-1722 x225

Brampton

Airport Workers Rally GTAA
3:00 p.m. - 3111 Convair Drive, Greater Toronto Airports Authority
For media inquiries, contact Dan Janssen, cell: 416-529-3376

Hamilton

Action blitz
12:00 p.m. - McDonald's at Delta on 1268 King Street East
For media inquiries, contact Caitlin Craven, cell: 289-683-0082

Kingston

Action blitz

10:00 a.m. - In front Stauffer Library at University and Union
For media inquiries, contact Doug Nesbitt, cell: 613-929-3464

Visiting MPP Sophie Kiwala's office
12:00 p.m. - 303 Bagot Street (Bagot & Princess)
For media inquiries, contact Tara Kainer 613-544-4525 x113

Guelph

Action blitzes
11:00 a.m. - Old Quebec Street Mall: main entrance
3:30 p.m. - Willow West Mall: No Frills entrance.
For info and media inquiries, contact Janice Folk-Dawson, cell: 519-766-8376

Kitchener/Waterloo

March
11:30 a.m. - Victoria Park downtown Kitchener
For media inquiries, contact Marjorie-Ann Knight, cell: 519-277-6145

London

Visiting MPP Deb Matthews' office
4:00 p.m. - Richmond and Piccadilly
For media inquiries, contact Patti Dalton, cell: 519-494-3901

Mississauga

Visiting MPP Charles Sousa's office
4:00 p.m. - 120 Lakeshore Rd West (Port Credit)
For media inquiries, contact Jim McDowell, cell: 416-587-8809; Felipe Pareja, cell: 647-203-2611; or Scott O'Donohue, cell: 416-417-5561

Niagara

Visiting MPP Jim Bradley's office
10:00 a.m. - 2 Secord Drive, Unite 2, St Catharines
For media inquiries, contact Sue Hotte, cell: 905-932-1646

North Bay

Sidewalk solidarity action
12:30 p.m. - 120 Lakeshore Drive
For media inquiries, contact Jared Hunt, cell: 705-845-8265

Oshawa

Visiting MPP Jennifer French's office
3:00 p.m. - 78 Centre Street North, Unit 2
For media inquiries, contact Tiffany Balducci, cell: 905-391-1571

Ottawa

Rally & March

12:00 p.m. - Oscar Peterson Statue – corner of Elgin St and Mackenzie King Bridge
For media inquiries, contact Karen Cocq, cell: 647-970-8464

Peterborough

Rally & Visiting MPP Jeff Leal's office

3:00 p.m. - 236 King Street

For info and media inquiries, contact Suzanne Wheeler, cell: 705-808-0922

Sudbury

Visiting MPP Glenn Thibeault's office & March

12:00 p.m. - 555 Barrydowne Road

For media inquiries contact, Nicole Beaulieu, cell: 705-470-3323

Toronto Actions

Health provider leaflet blitz

7:30 a.m. - Dufferin Subway Station, North-West corner of Bloor and Dufferin

For media inquiries contact, Kate Hayman, cell: 519-860-9866 and Danyaal Raza, cell: 647-779-4705

Young workers & students feeder march

11:45 a.m. - North-West corner of College and University

For media inquiries contact, Brynne Sinclair-Waters, cell: 647-226-7184

OPSEU march to the Ministry of Labour

12:00 p.m. - Metro Toronto Convention Centre

For media inquiries contact, Myles Magner, cell: 416-427-2606

Rally at the Ministry of Labour

12:30 p.m. - 400 University Avenue

For media inquiries contact, Nil Sendil, cell: 647-710-5795

Airport Workers Rally GTAA

3:00 p.m. - 3111 Convairst Drive, Greater Toronto Airports Authority

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