



March 5, 2010

Dear Sister/Brother:

The Federal Budget released by the Harper Government has set a clear direction for balancing the budget within the next five years by targeting the federal public service through austerity measures and optimistic predictions of economic growth. PSAC (Ontario) members are mobilizing through a series of town hall meetings and plant-gating actions to counter any efforts to balance the budget on the backs of public sector workers! Join along with other PSAC members at a town hall meeting in your area. The list of town hall meetings, lunch rallies and plant gating actions is now posted on the Ontario Regional website at [www.pfac.com/ontario](http://www.pfac.com/ontario). This list will be updated on an ongoing basis throughout the campaign.

Thanks to all for signing and/or circulating the petition on pensions. PSAC (Ontario) Region has already collected 3,000 on-line signatures and 1,400 signatures through hardcopy petitions. Our campaign around the pension issue is not over because there is no absolute assurance that they are safe; however, the federal budget that was delivered yesterday certainly demonstrated that our collective efforts around the pension campaign made it possible for us to push back. Our first victory in our pension fight back campaign! – “Our members have been mobilizing for the past month to fight off any attacks against our pensions and to call for retirement security for all,” says PSAC National President John Gordon. “We’re now going to extend the fight and expand it to include rejecting this budget and the direction this government is taking.” Let’s continue to sign-up our members and engage our communities to send a strong message to the Harper government: ***Hands Off Our Pensions!***

We know that the Conservatives are targeting the public service. The Throne Speech and Budget were clear that the government plans to balance the budget by restraining federal program spending overall. It will do this by freezing the total amount that government departments spend on salaries, administration and overhead, and by aggressively undergoing a review of all departmental spending.

PSAC members are on the watch and are using various means (petitions, lobbying, activities between and during elections, etc.) to continue our organizing and mobilizing efforts in the face of the on-going attack against quality public services. Visit the PSAC national website at [www.pfac-afpc.com](http://www.pfac-afpc.com) to find out more about reactions and comments to the Federal Budget. Visit the PSAC (Ontario) website at [www.pfac.com/ontario](http://www.pfac.com/ontario) to get involved in the ongoing campaign to defend quality public services.

Get involved to support our campaign and make our voices heard!

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Halabecki', written over a stylized blue graphic element.

Gerry Halabecki,  
Regional Executive Vice President  
Ontario Region

