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Urgent meeting re: anti-union agenda in Wisconsin

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Following the US election, the Republican right launched an all-out attack on trade union and collective bargaining rights. While other states have initiated anti-union legislation, Wisconsin has been the front-line of the assault, and a symbol of resistance to the conservative agenda.

Canadian unions are joining in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the US, and this Monday night, the BC Federation of Labour has arranged for Sister Betsy Kippers, vice-president of the 100,000 member Wisconsin Education Association Council, to provide a briefing on the situation in her state.

Supporters are invited to attend this briefing session at:

Time: 5:00 PM

Date: Monday, March 21, 2011

Place: Operating Engineers Hall, 4333 Ledger Avenue, Burnaby

The meeting will also include a discussion of local solidarity efforts, including a demonstration to support Wisconsin activists by attending a Bank of Montreal shareholder meeting the following morning to protest bank support for the Republicans, and an international solidarity rally at Peace Arch Park on the afternoon of April 2 (a poster for the Peace Arch rally is available at <http://www.bcfed.ca/files/1100-11not-apr2-rally.pdf>).

HSA members are urged to participate in these actions to mobilize opposition to the same anti-union agenda currently being promoted in British Columbia by the Coalition of BC Business and the Fraser Institute. Over the coming weeks, we must demonstrate that these attacks on the rights of workers and the well-being of North America's working families will not go unanswered.

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