August 13, 2010

Petition to the Government of Saskatchewan,

We the undersigned, wish to object to the following recommendation:

That new workers will be paid only 90 per cent of the minimum wage for the first six months of their employment.

We believe this recommendation, allowing only 90% of pay for training purposes, violates workers' rights and discriminates against minimum wage earners. This recommendation takes advantage of new workers, immigrants and low income families. These demographics already live under the poverty line. If this recommendation were to pass, these groups would be further impoverished leading to an increased disparity between those who have money and those who do not.

By putting this recommendation in place, what would the province be telling minimum wage earners? That their labour is less valuable than others? That they are second class citizens? Why do our leaders feel we can further exploit these members of the workforce?

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Government of Saskatchewan:

Take the necessary steps and actions to ensure the minimum wage training recommendation never comes to pass.

Dated: _____

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