

Do you want a low-wage future for your family and your community?

Look at what the Conservatives are doing to lower our living standards:

- Policies that ship jobs overseas.
- Attacks on employee pension plans.
- Foreign Temporary Workers Program that exploits temporary workers and drives down wages.
- Reduced Old Age Security coverage.
- Cuts to E.I. (Employment Insurance)
- Low-wage trade deals.
- Cuts to public services.

Conservative leaders Stephen Harper and Tim Hudak plan to create a low-wage economy – by weakening unions.

The Conservatives want to introduce a scheme that would encourage union members to become “Free riders”. The “Free riders” would pay no dues but still get the advantage of union membership! *Does that sound fair to you?* With a divided membership and loss of union resources, imagine what would happen to your wages and benefits!



**Together we can stay strong.
Let's say NO to a low-wage economy!**

Together we can make Canada a *better* place to work and live.

- We need *more* good jobs – including good jobs for youth and diverse communities. We need secure pensions for seniors.
- A low-wage economy cannot support quality health care, education and other public services.
- Don't let the Conservatives weaken our unions – corporations would be the only winners.
- Protect the wages and benefits of all workers. Defend public services and human rights.

Here is what you can do:

- 1 Take a fresh look at your collective agreement and what it means to you and your family. Don't fall for the “Free rider” con job.
- 2 Never vote for a politician who supports low-wage policies.
- 3 Visit www.policyalternatives.ca to find out how the rich get richer in a low-wage economy.
- 4 Does your union have an email list? If it does, make sure you are on it!
- 5 Visit www.lowwageeconomy.ca for more information about the Conservatives' plans – and for information about campaign actions that you can join.

