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To all ATU members,

We are under attack!

Many of you have already heard that the Ford Government has resorted to draconian tactics by introducing Legislation Bill 28 that strips Unions' collective bargaining rights, imposes contracts, and utilizes the notwithstanding clause to supersede any Charter or Human Rights challenges.

While this Legislation targets CUPE education workers, if passed, it will set a catastrophic trend of eradicating the fundamental rights of workers and unions in this province and across Canada. It is yet another chapter in Ford's relentless attack on workers and their families.

This complete disregard and disrespect for workers is a threat to our constitutional democracy. It is a pivotal moment in history for all union workers and the future of our country. If this government is successful in passing Bill 28 it will dismantle the power of all unions, including our Union.

If you value your wages and benefits – are you willing to fight to protect them?

The time is now for all union workers to get out and fight for our rights. Our rights and our future are at stake, and we must take action now.

We are asking all our members to stand in solidarity with Labour this Friday, November 4th. ATU Canada will be at Queen's Park, in Toronto on Friday at 11 am EST, meeting at north-east corner of University & College by the Subway entrance. ATU Canada representatives will be easily identified wearing yellow reflective vests. In addition, you can join a picket line in your community, which can be found at https://cupe.on.ca/dontbeabully/ or Picket Line Finder. We must stand together now because as we know well at the ATU, we are "Stronger Together".

In solidarity,

John Costa, ATU International President

John Di Nino, ATU Canada President