



March 24, 2010

To: Members of the CLC Executive Council  
Ranking Officers of Affiliated Unions  
Federations of Labour and Labour Councils

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

**Re: CLC National Day of Mourning  
April 28, 2010**

After a quarter of a century, where we have achieved improved legislation, regulations, and collective bargaining provisions, a record number of workers died from workplace causes. Government regulators must be held accountable for this carnage that seems to go unchecked. We continuously raise the point that the governments are not putting anywhere near sufficient resources into enforcement. Unfortunately, our calls appear to be falling on deaf ears. This abdication of responsibility by employers and governments must be aggressively challenged across the country.

The slogan for the 2010 National Day of Mourning will be "Is today the day you die at work?"

The CLC will be pushing the federal government to make compliance and enforcement a reality. Federations of Labour and Labour Councils, with the assistance of your union, must push provincial-territorial regulators to act to save lives. At the provincial-territorial level, we ask that you push for special prosecutors to be appointed and trained to enforce the law. At the local level, we ask that you push for the chief of police and at the provincial level the Solicitor General to provide training to law enforcement officers both in the field of workplace health and safety and in the existing laws and regulations.

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The CLC provided materials across the country and is holding a national ceremony in Ottawa. Please encourage your local unions to take part, and to show solidarity in our fight for government action.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Yussuff', written in a cursive style.

Hassan Yussuff  
Secretary-Treasurer

cc. CLC Officers and Assistants  
CLC Regional Directors, Mike MacIsaac  
CLC Health and Safety Committee