

Retirement security for all!

Corporate think-tanks, such as the C.D. Howe Institute and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, are pressuring the Harper government to attack our pensions in order to cut the deficit. These are the same groups who champion corporate interests that benefited from tax cuts and government bailouts and continued to give bonuses to CEOs during the recession while millions of workers lost their jobs and their pensions.

The C.D. Howe Institute and CFIB are now using the deficit as justification to gut public services and expenditures, and they are starting with our pensions. They are doing this to divert attention away from the real pension issue: The need for public-pension reform that will provide retirement security for all.

As workers who provide quality public services, we cannot allow them to divide working people and push everyone's welfare down to the lowest common denominator. We must fight against any attack on public services and defined-benefit pension plans. We must bring the focus back to the real issue: Retirement security for everyone!

What you can do:

- Sign the PSAC petition to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, which calls for protecting our pension plans and retirement security for everyone.
- Promote our on-line petition at www.pvac-afpc.com/pension-petition/.
- Discuss these issues with your co-workers, friends and families and ask them to sign our petition.
- Organize forums or town-hall meetings to discuss these issues and collect signatures for our petition.
- Wear the “Hands Off Our Pensions!” stickers in your workplace, and encourage your co-workers to do the same. This will send a message to the employer that we are ready to fight off any attacks against our pensions.
- Take part in mobilizations to resist attacks against our pensions and to call for retirement income security for all.
- Write a letter to the editor or an op-ed piece to your local newspaper dispelling myths about our pensions and calling for retirement income security for all.
- Visit the PSAC web site regularly at www.pvac-afpc.com to get more information and updates on this campaign.
- Also visit the Canadian Labour Congress web site at www.canadianlabour.ca to get more information on the campaign for “Retirement Security for Everyone”.

