



NEWS RELEASE

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**** MEDIA ADVISORY ****

B.C. Federation of Labour takes minimum wage campaign to MLAs

Vancouver—Tomorrow, a delegation of community groups and low-wage earners will be joined by the B.C. Federation of Labour to meet with provincial MLA's regarding the Federation's Campaign to boost BC's minimum wage to \$10.

The Delegation will also be attending the opening of the afternoon session of the legislature, where it is anticipated that the Federation \$10 NOW petition, totaling over 40,000 names, will be tabled.

Prior to meetings with MLAs, the Delegation will be available to media.

WHO:

- **Jim Sinclair, President, B.C. Federation of Labour**
- **Angela Schira, Secretary-Treasurer, B.C. Federation of Labour**
- **Jamie Mills, Emily Ottewell, Co-Chairs, BCFL Young Workers Committee**
- **Adrienne Montani, First Call BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition**
- **Shamus Reid, Chairperson, Canadian Federation of Students BC**
- **Rev. Margaret Marquardt, Anglican Diocese of New Westminster**
- **Brent Frain, Val Rogers, low-wage workers employed at McDonalds**
- **Chris Loscerbo, Pat Danforth, Executive Board Members, BC Coalition of People**

DATE: Wednesday October 31, 2007

TIME: 10:30 am

PLACE: Birch Room (Room 339, Legislative Buildings, Victoria, BC)

Close to 40,000 British Columbians have signed the Federation's \$10 NOW petition so far.

Some 30 municipal councils, the Union of BC Municipalities, important community organizations and even some business groups all back efforts to win a higher minimum wage.

According to recent statistics, about 115,000 BC workers earn \$8 an hour or less, while an additional 135,000 workers earn less than \$10.

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