



Canadian Labour Congress
Congrès du travail du Canada

March 24th, 2012

**To: PSAC Members, CLC, NLFL and SJDLC Affiliates,
and Social Partners**

Re: Federal Budget Watch – Thursday, March 29, 2012

Greetings Sisters and Brothers:

As you know, the Canadian Labour Congress, working with the Federations of Labour, District Labour Councils, Public Service Alliance of Canada, and other affiliates and social partners has been very active in pushing social and economic policies that will benefit working people in this country.

We have been particularly active on the issues of retirement security, creating jobs & services, EI, and reversing corporate give-aways, among others. We have been talking to our members, our politicians, and the general public about the importance of continuing to put pressure on the Harper government. It is time for them to take a larger and stronger role in making the economy work for average Canadians. This government should be developing policies that ensure Canadians can afford their basic needs in tough times.

On March 29, the federal government will table a Budget that is widely expected to place a high priority on cutting the deficit through spending cuts, and will particularly hit the federal public sector, both from a worker, and a consumer perspective.

We would like to invite you to watch the Budget with us.

When: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2012
Where: PSAC board room
33 Pippy Place, Suite 105, St. John's, NL

We will be inviting the media to attend and to hear our reactions and feedback on the various components of the budget.

You may be asked by them to comment on what the budget means for you and your organization, and especially on the areas that may have an impact on your membership – this will be a good opportunity to have your say.

Refreshments will be served.

If you would like some background information on our issues, please call us or check the CLC website: www.canadianlabour.ca.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives will be releasing its Alternative Federal Budget again this year (www.policyalternatives.ca), and the CLC in Ottawa will be producing its regular analysis, immediately after lock – up on the 29th.

Invite your members, retired members, family, and friends to our event. We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at our Budget Watch.

In solidarity,

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