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**To: All Locals with Federally-Regulated Units**

**Re: Stand up for Pensions – Stop C-27**

Greetings,

Unifor activists and leadership have again demonstrated the value of political action on key workplace issues. Working in conjunction with the CLC, our online campaign and lobbying on C-27 has been particularly successful.

To date, over 2,600 Unifor members and retirees across the country have signed our petition, sending a clear message to Members of Parliament and Finance Minister Bill Morneau that Bill C-27 is an attack on workers and retirees.

Due to our campaign efforts, the government has held the legislation in abeyance. The Ministry of Finance is now providing for further consultation before proceeding with the legislation. If your local union has received an invitation from the Ministry of Finance to make a submission on C-27 by way of the attached letter, please inform our Pensions and Benefits Department by emailing [david.leacock@unifor.org](mailto:david.leacock@unifor.org)

We remain concerned that Bill C-27 would allow Crown corporations and employers in federally-regulated sectors to offer single-employer target benefit (TB) plans. It would also allow – subject to consent requirements – for the conversion of existing defined benefit (DB) pensions into target benefit plans. This would not only apply to future service but to past service as well, including retiree pensions. Once converted, past and future benefits and retiree pensions could be reduced in the event of funding deficits.

For more information on C-27 visit [www.unifor.org/stopC27](http://www.unifor.org/stopC27).

In solidarity,



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