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Dear Brothers and Sisters of AEFO, ETFO, OECTA, OSSTF/FEESO of (CTF/FCE):

It has been brought to the attention of the Caribbean Union of Teachers (CUT) that the hardworking teachers and education workers of Ontario, Canada through their representative bodies: The Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO), the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA), and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) are faced with much difficulty resulting from their efforts to promote high quality education by opposing the government's efforts to cut education costs that would result in fewer teaching positions; an increase in class sizes; reduction in courses offered at the high school level; fewer resources and support for the most vulnerable students; and the introduction of mandatory online classes. At the same time that these dedicated professionals and workers are fighting to defend quality education they are faced with a relentless attack on their terms and conditions of work.

The CUT believes that it is shameful that these teachers and education workers along with their representative bodies should have to undergo such hardships in order to secure these just and reasonable demands. These teachers and education workers of Ontario have been working relentlessly to ensure a well-functioning education system and their efforts should be rewarded. Their professional advice should be heeded because as practitioners in education they best understand the workings of the system.

The Caribbean Union of Teachers calls for an end to the appalling treatment meted out to the dedicated teachers and education workers of Ontario, Canada and send its unwavering support to AEFO, ETFO, OECTA, OSSTF/FEESO, and their members who are taking action to press their just demands. We extend our firm support also to Canadian Teachers' Federation/ Fédération canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants (CTF/FCE).

Solidarity forever!!

Don Howell,
General Secretary

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