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Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries, Retiree Chapters

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At our 2017 Canadian Council, Unifor adopted a recommendation to participate in a national campaign, urging the federal government to institute a national, universally-accessible pharmacare program in the 2018 Budget.

The recommendation included synchronizing our efforts with the labour movement and community partners in such a campaign, urging our employers to speak out publicly in support of a national pharmacare program, and ensuring that the voices of the most disadvantaged by the lack of national drug coverage are at the forefront of this struggle.

Campaign efforts will be coordinated alongside the Unifor Health Care Industry Council, the Unifor Retired Workers Council and Regional Council Political Action Committee.

In this package are a number of documents that would help in our efforts to build up this campaign:

- A 1-page backgrounder on the need for a national pharmacare program;
- A template letter to employers that calls on them to jointly support national pharmacare;
- Template language that could be adopted by City Councils to call for national pharmacare (some cities have already passed a resolution, so please check in your area).

If you would like more information or would like someone to speak at one of your membership meetings, retiree meetings or other union gathering, please contact Unifor Political Action and Membership Mobilization Director Roland Kiehne (Roland.Kiehne@unifor.org) or Unifor Health Care Director Andy Savela (Andy.Savela@unifor.org).

Please report any signed joint employer letters and city council motions to Roland Kiehne or Andy Savela.

Finally, please take a moment of your day to sign the petition and share on social media:

<http://www.unifor.org/en/take-action/campaigns/universal-pharmacare>

Together, we can win a national, universal pharmacare program so that no Canadian has to choose between paying the rent and getting a prescription filled.

In solidarity,



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