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**CAW Local Union Presidents  
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Greetings:

**Manufacturing Crisis Campaign & CLC's Ottawa Rally  
Wednesday, May 30, 2007**

We have lost more than 250,000 manufacturing jobs in Canada in the past 4 and ½ years. We are losing good paying jobs due to unfair trade agreements and currency manipulation while our federal government stands idly by, unprepared to act to protect Canada's working families.

We must stop the one-way trade flows that allow our trading partners to flood our markets while we are denied access to theirs in the sectors of auto, auto parts, tool and die, machining, shipbuilding, electrical and others.

I am calling on all local unions to participate in local forums and events being organized locally to draw attention to the difficulties being faced by our communities from coast to coast to coast. Our web site will have our manufacturing crisis forums listed at [www.caw.ca](http://www.caw.ca) and you can link to the CLC's site at [www.clc-ctc.ca](http://www.clc-ctc.ca) for their listings of special forums across the country.

Please contact Tony Leah at 1-800-268-5763 or 416-497-4110 or [tony.leah@caw.ca](mailto:tony.leah@caw.ca) for more information about the forums.

**PRIORITY: MAY 30, Ottawa CAW Meeting and CLC Rally on Parliament Hill**

We are asking every local union that is **within reasonable driving distance to Ottawa** to fully participate in this important Protest Rally to put pressure on the Harper government to start protecting Canadian jobs now and for the future. The National Union is prepared to share the costs, on a 50-50-basis, with the locals for busses to transport our members and their families to Ottawa for the CLC-sponsored Protest Rally.

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I am asking all staff from Ontario and Quebec to clear their schedules where possible to be in Ottawa on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully staff will be able to join the locals on the busses, or, if driving personal vehicles, due to time constraints, please ensure that your car/van is full of other staff or local activists.

The retired workers are rallying to participate fully in this important event as well.

**CAW Lunch and Pre-rally Meeting at Ottawa Congress Centre 11:00 - 12:30 PM**

We have booked the Ottawa **Congress Centre, 55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa for all CAW participants to meet, in advance of the CLC Parliament Hill Rally.** Everyone should plan to arrive at the Congress Centre **before 11:30 AM in time for lunch** and to hear about the days activities, pick up their T-Shirt and bandana, then participate in the march to the Hill. The centre is less than 5 blocks away from the Hill. (We will shuttle those who require transportation to the Hill.)

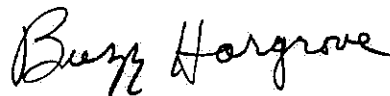
The CLC rally will start at 12:30 PM and end at 2:00 PM, after which busses will be re-boarded to start the return trips.

Paul Forder, Director, Membership Mobilization & Campaigns, is coordinator for our participation in the May 30<sup>th</sup> Ottawa Rally. He can be reached at [paul.forder@caw.ca](mailto:paul.forder@caw.ca), 1-800-268-5763 or 416-495-3774 or, cell at 416-219-4611. Please confirm your bus numbers with Paul **as soon as possible.**

Let's ensure that our union is well represented in Ottawa on May 30<sup>th</sup>. I know everyone will work hard to make the day a success as we continue our fight for Canadian jobs.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support and participation.

In solidarity,



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