



**To: All CUPE Ontario Locals**  
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## Vote for YOUR Canada, Not Harper's

This federal election is really important for you, your family, your job and your community. On October 14, the votes of CUPE Ontario members across the province are critical.

**If the Conservatives continue to govern, we soon won't recognize Canada. Their platform includes:**

- Increased privatization of health care and public services
- No help for the manufacturing jobs crisis, just billions in corporate tax cuts
- Money for war, but no social programs
- Tax cuts that don't work, but no money for women's equality and the arts
- Funding for polluters while ignoring our environment

Stephen Harper and his government are no friends of public services or working people. Let's face it, they just don't share the same values as most of us.

### **Who's making a difference?**

Contrast that to the New Democrats who are working to protect jobs, shrink the widening income gap, invest in child care, tackle climate change, and stop privatization. They're focused on the kitchen table, not the boardroom table. Make an informed choice to protect public services and your job. *Most importantly, vote.*

### **Speak up! Get involved! For the Canada you want!**

If you care about the future of your community and your job, then we encourage you to volunteer to work on the campaign of your local candidate who is going to stand up for public services and working people. In this mailing you will find:

- A list of **PRIORITY CAMPAIGNS** where volunteers are needed to help elect progressive candidates. Please call your candidate and volunteer.
- A **CHILD CARE** election flyer with questions for candidates. Ask these questions of your candidates and raise them publicly at all-candidates meetings.
- **CUPE ELECTION BROCHURE** – copies have been sent to your area offices and will be distributed to you by our election book-off coordinators. Please distribute them to your members.

Please, let's fight for the Canada that we want. A country that values public services, good jobs and strong communities.

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