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Brothers and Sisters,

Lyn Edwards is the New Democratic Party's candidate in Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock for the March 5th provincial by-election. And she needs our help.

Lyn is the President of CUPE local 855 representing 400 inside and outside municipal workers with the City of Kawartha Lakes. A tough negotiator and a determined fighter for what's right, Lyn Edwards wants to go to Queen's Park to represent hardworking families from across Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Lyn has stood on picket lines with workers and on the front line of the struggle faced by municipal employees to deal with provincial underfunding and deteriorating infrastructure. Now, we must stand with Lyn Edwards during this important by-election.

You can help Lyn by making a donation to her campaign today.

This race matters, not only because the NDP has an outstanding record of success in by-elections, but because of the timing, issues, and the candidates who are running. Collectively, we are facing a deteriorating economy and daily announcements of mass lay-offs. Corporate greed and previous Conservative governments have created the problems this large riding faces: underfunding of education, doctor shortages, unacceptably long wait-times, and deteriorating public services.

John Tory's self-centred response to this crisis? The seat-less leader of the PCs is removing a woman MPP from her seat, and forcing a costly by-election on the voters of Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock.

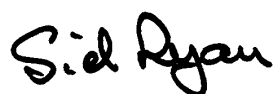
And where are the McGuinty Liberals? At a time when working families need a government that's protecting public services and local jobs, Dalton McGuinty is missing in action. Ontario's families deserve better.

You can help Lyn get elected and send a message to overpaid CEOs and their political friends. Your local's donation of \$1,000, \$500, or whatever the local can afford, will help Lyn stand up for public services and local jobs.

This is a critical time for CUPE members. This by-election that won't change the government but is an opportunity to send a strong message. Lyn Edwards won't take a back seat to anyone. She's exactly the kind of MPP the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock need and deserve, especially during these difficult economic times.

But we need your help to make it happen. Please complete the attached pledge form and return it today.

Sincerely,



Sid Ryan
CUPE Ontario President



Fred Hahn
CUPE Ontario Secretary Treasurer

p.s. Lyn is taking a stand for CUPE members and their families across Ontario. Please join us in standing with her. Your local's support can make all the difference.