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RE: Personal Support Worker (PSW) Registry

Sisters and brothers:

In June 2012, the Ontario government launched the Personal Support Worker (PSW) Registry. CUPE, OCHU and other labour groups have asked that the government reconsider the PSW Registry. However the government continues to move forward on a registry list where PSWs face all of the negative aspects of professional regulation, yet none of the benefits.

The government wants to implement a policy that forces all home and community care organizations that receive government funding to ensure that every PSW/health care aide (HCA)/personal care aide (PCA) applies to the PSW Registry list by April 1, 2013. The government has said that they hope to do this through amendments to the contracts the home and community care organizations have with the government.

We are aware that a number of employers in home and community care, long-term care and our hospital sectors are directing CUPE members who are PSWs/HCAs to register.

CUPE and OCHU are tracking how the government is managing this registry and want to help you with this process. As the PSW Registry rolls out, please contact your steward and your CUPE National Representative if your employer directs you to apply to the PSW Registry or if you have any questions about what you are being asked to do. Our CUPE Ontario website has additional information and resources for your local and we encourage you to access this information.

CUPE Ontario and OCHU continue to monitor the PSW registry roll-out and we are actively exploring options to challenge the Registry.

We are committed to providing the most up-to-date information possible to ensure members have the tools they need to ensure their rights are protected and respected.

In Solidarity,

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Fred Hahn  
President

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**ONE STRONG VOICE**

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