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Parliament Hill May First -- Join Local 1005 USW! Break New Ground to Defend the Rights of All!

We invite everyone to join us on May First on Parliament Hill to put forward the demands of workers in all sectors of the economy in defence of the rights of all. This is also an occasion to express support for our fellow workers in the United States, Mexico and the world over who are also being made to pay so as to permit an ever smaller number of monopolists to grow even richer.

The present direction of the economy has been proven to impose insecurity, wrecking of manufacturing, stepped up sell-out of our resources and public assets, privatization of social programs, abandonment of social responsibilities and the shifting of economic problems onto the backs of the actual producers, seniors and youth. Along with this, political power is being concentrated in fewer and

fewer hands and the PMO. Canadians exercise no control whatsoever over the decisions which affect their lives.

Let's together call on whatever party or parties form the next government to change the direction for the economy and uphold public right, not the so-called rights of the monopolies to make their big score at the expense of our resources, our manufacturing, our public assets such as Canada Post, our public sector workers, industrial and service workers, seniors and youth.

Let us together break new ground to defend the rights of all! Join with us in Ottawa on May First to say Enough Is Enough! Concessions Are Not Solutions! Manufacturing Yes, Nation-Wrecking No! Uphold Public Right, Not Monopoly Right!

***Everyone bring your own banners and slogans!
Stand as one in favour of resolving the crisis in a manner
which favours the many, not the few!***



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For information on buses to Parliament Hill on May First,
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Call for Action -- May 1st Workers' Day in Ottawa

- Wayne Fraser, Director, United Steelworkers District 6, March 25, 2011 -

On January 29th the "Line in the Sand" was drawn by a Hamilton Day of Action that was a huge success for USW Local 1005. With the support of the entire labour movement, the stage was set for an epic battle against a huge multinational company, US Steel. This "Line in the Sand" cannot be moved back. Join us in May in Ottawa.

On Sunday, May 1st join Steelworkers in Ottawa to celebrate the achievements of the labour movement throughout the world. As Canada moves closer to an election, it is important that governments and politicians, who want our votes, address and protect the rights of working people.

Elected representatives and those who wish to be elected need to be reminded who puts them there. The evidence includes the devastation of families and communities in Sudbury and Hamilton stemming from the failure of government through the *Investment Canada Act* (ICA).

The ICA allows foreign takeovers based on a net benefit to Canada of such transactions. There is no benefit to Canada when a multinational company can stop production and mothball Canadian factories just to feed their own profits back home. Where is the net benefit to Canada when a company can layoff or reduce a workforce and attack a collective agreement that was negotiated over many years?

There is also a need to magnify the importance of anti-scab legislation in this country. Through the use of replacement workers, the balance of power has shifted entirely to companies, along with the corporations that feed off them to supply replacement workers and security during labour disputes.

In the decades before the unprecedented increase in the planned contracting of replacement workers, financial

hardship was experienced by labour through less money in workers' pockets (strike pay). At the same time, companies felt equal pressure due to loss of production and other costs attributed to work stoppages.

But now, because of government unwillingness to acknowledge the imbalance of power, only the workers lose. Strikes are occurring more frequently and becoming more dangerous because companies continue to operate with hired scabs.

We are at a critical turning point in our future as public services are attacked and pensions are made insecure by multinational companies that don't care about Canadian workers and their families.

Good manufacturing jobs have all but disappeared while current governments brag that jobs have been created -- except that the majority of them are minimum wage and part-time jobs that cannot support individuals, never mind families.

On May 1st let your voice be heard in Ottawa. On the literal eve of an election, send a message to every politician that Canadians want the renewal of public policy that leads to good wages, good pensions and a poverty-free quality of life.

We elect politicians to represent us, not allow us to be destroyed.

Stand up for your future and the future of your children and grandchildren.

Stand up in Ottawa on May 1st.

Picket in Greensville and Leafletting in Dundas



On March 19, more than 100 Local 1005 active and retired workers, their families and supporters picketed the Greensville constituency office of Conservative MP David Sweet (Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale). He is Chair of the Standing Committee on In-

dustry, Science and Technology and presides over the Steel Caucus. Following this, the steelworkers went leafletting in Dundas to update people about their struggle and encourage them to come out to Parliament Hill on May First.