



***National Executive Board Meeting
September 21 – 22, 2011***

**Resolution of CUPE's National Executive Board
FEDERAL PUBLIC SECTOR CUTS**

CUPE NATIONAL WILL:

- Fight the austerity programs which cut services and reduce spending in the federal public sector;
- Fight any proposed cuts to provincial transfer payments because of the federal government's deficit reduction plans;
- Work with the Canadian labour movement to lobby in opposition to proposed cuts to the federal public sector;
- Sign on to the Public Service Alliance online petition to the President of the Treasury Board calling on the government to reverse its plans to cut taxes, maintain and improve federal public services and reverse corporate tax cuts, and promote the petition throughout CUPE;
- Work with the official opposition to push for increased investment in public services and fight against public sector spending cuts; and
- Continue to use all forums available, such as meetings of CUPE members, the media; including social media, to raise the issue and fight for increased public investment.

BECAUSE:

- Economic recovery and job growth in Canada has stalled in recent months; partly due to the phase out of federal and provincial stimulus spending;
- The federal Conservative government intends to use its majority to push deficit reduction and public sector austerity in this round of Parliament;
- Austerity measures and cuts to public services will lead to a loss of jobs and lower quality of life, particularly for the most vulnerable members in society; and
- Investing in public services generates much greater economic stimulus and more jobs than tax cuts.