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EMERGENCY RESOLUTION No. 801

Submitted by CUPE Alberta

CUPE NATIONAL WILL:

Use all means necessary to fight Alberta Bill 81, the *Alberta Election Statutes Amendment Act*, introduced to the Alberta Legislature by Jason Kenney's UCP government on November 4, 2021, which unconstitutionally attacks and fundamentally limits free speech and political rights. This fight back will include legal challenges, information campaigns and political activism.

Also work with other unions, community groups, and organizations to challenge Bill 81 and continue our work to defeat Jason Kenney and rid Alberta of the worst government in its history.

BECAUSE:

- The Alberta UCP government has introduced Bill 81, which prohibits the ability of unions and labour federations to engage in public speech, including advocating for members on bargaining issues. The bill bans unions and union federations from registering as third-party advertisers as defined by the Election Finance Act. The bill is expected to be passed in the Legislature before the end of the year. If passed, the act will severely restrict our ability to express any political opinion.
- CUPE's legal department has issued an opinion that Bill 81 is unconstitutional, infringing on the rights of free association and speech.
- Jason Kenney and the UCP openly discuss the bill as an attempt to take unions out of all political debate in the province.
- The UCP has made multiple attempts to curb the speech and advocacy of unions. In 2020, the province passed Bill 32, which mandates that every union member must provide active, ongoing consent to have their dues used for political activities.