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TO ALL CUPE CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS

RE: Earth Day - April 22

Sisters and Brothers:

On April 22nd Canadians and people in over one hundred and sixty countries will celebrate the world's foremost global environmental celebration. Millions will participate in Earth Day activities designed to promote a clean and healthy environment.

We are pleased to send this year's Earth Day information for local unions and CUPE councils. Included are an environment newsletter and a kids' Earth Day poster contest. A student email campaign has been added to our Earth Day actions. Additional information is available at <u>cupe.ca</u>, and extra copies can be obtained from the National Office, Health and Safety Branch.

CUPE's National Environment Committee is working on specific action plans that will move us towards sustainable communities. As part of your Earth Day activities, the Committee asks that your local union make a formal request that your employer undertake a specific environmental programme.

Earth Day is held on behalf of our planet. Organizing grassroots' events will help to ensure that the real meaning of the day is not lost. The environment is important to our well being and that of our children. We urge all locals to take part in this year's Earth Day.

In solidarity,

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