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**TO ALL CUPE MEMBERS**

**RECOGNIZING CARE AIDES, CONTINUING CARE ASSISTANTS  
AND PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKERS**

Sisters and Brothers:

The second and third week of May, in certain provinces, the government has proclaimed a day that enables us to take a moment to thank and celebrate the work of CUPE Care Aides, Continuing Care Assistants, and Personal Support Workers (PSWs). In Saskatchewan we celebrate “Continuing Care Assistant Day” on May 12. In Ontario, “Personal Support Worker Day” celebrations are on May 19, and Manitoba and British Columbia celebrate Health Care Aides on October 18.

These workers provide vital assistance to all patients, including those with chronic health conditions and seniors.

CUPE represents tens of thousands of Personal Care Aides, Continuing Care Assistants and Personal Support Workers. CUPE members work in all areas of health care including residential long-term care, home and community settings, and hospitals.

In each of these health care settings, care aides and care assistants and PSWs are indispensable members of the patient care team. The work they do is enormously important and appreciated!

Care aides and support workers do all this good work in the face of significant obstacles. There is not enough “time to care”. CUPE care aides and support workers have been fighting hard against understaffing so that they can provide the highest level and quality of care Canadians deserve. We know care aides and support workers face a heavy workload and risks to their health and safety. CUPE continues to push to improve the conditions of your work and ensure that no one is injured on the job.

That’s why CUPE care aides and support workers are joining with other CUPE members to campaign for a new national Health Accord that provides the proper federal funding and national standards that would go a long way to relieving health care team staffing shortages.

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You can learn more by visiting the following website [SaveOurHealthCare.ca](http://SaveOurHealthCare.ca). CUPE will be active in the coming months to remind Canadians that in the upcoming federal election it is more important than ever that we need to vote for the party that is the strongest supporter of public health care.

Let's take this moment to recognize the important work CUPE Care Aides, Continuing Care Assistants, and Personal Support Workers contribute to public health care. Every day they deliver high quality hands on personal care.

Thank you to you all!

In solidarity,



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