

March 7, 2011

**To: OFL Executive Board and Council**

I am writing to remind you that on March 31, 2011 NDP MPP (Nickel Belt) France Gelinas' Private Member's Bill to ban replacement workers during strikes will be debated in the Legislature at Second Reading. With a provincial election slated for the fall of this year, we may have an opportunity to convince some MPPs to get onside.

In the lead-up to the debate on France's bill, she is asking affiliates and labour councils to collect signatures on petitions for MPPs to read into the record in the legislature and to lobby their MPPs to try to convince them to vote in favour of the bill.

Lobby kits were distributed at the last OFL Executive Council, and many of you already have your lobbies well underway. For those of you who have not yet got started, this is just a reminder that time is getting short.

All evidence points to the fact that elected officials are most persuaded by pressure from the people that elect them. We need all MPPs to get on side with this bill and only pressure by their constituents will make them feel that pressure.

Lobby materials are available on-line or hard copies can be mailed to you by contacting Sandra Clifford at [sclifford@ofl.ca](mailto:sclifford@ofl.ca) or 416-443-7684.

And for those of you able to travel to Toronto, don't forget the Anti-scab Rally and packing the galleries, starting at noon at Queen's Park on March 31.

Hope to see you there!

In solidarity,



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