

NEWSBULLETIN

December 20 Day of Action Against Bill 124



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Holiday cards to Premier Ford and to MPPs

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Holiday cards calling on Premier Ford and MPPs not to appeal Bill 124 will be delivered before the Christmas holidays.

Regional demonstrations coming next

5 demonstrations demanding real wage increases, staffing increases, & an end to privatization of surgeries & diagnostics will be held in March in Toronto, Kingston, Hamilton, North Bay & Kitchener.



Dec. 20 tell Ford: No Appeal of Bill 124

Five unions will hold a Day of Action on December 20, calling on the Ford government not to appeal Bill 124.

We are asking all members to protest by wearing a sticker and sending an electronic postcard to the Premier.

Bill 124, limits wage increases to 1% a year for 3 years. The law was struck down by an Ontario court in Nov. but the Ford government has announced it will appeal.

An appeal would take years and deny you the right to bargain a real wage increase now. *(More page 2)*



Leonora Foster, President of CUPE local 2816 at Sick Kids Hospital speaks to media in the winter of 2021 at a MPP rally against Bill 124 in Toronto.

Membership Bargaining Survey: coming week of February 1

A membership bargaining survey will be available during the week of February 1.

Bargaining begins in June 2023.

Please take the time to fill out the survey - the membership results have a big impact on what the bargaining priorities for the union are.

In 2021 3,500 members completed the survey.

Our goal in 2023 is to have at least 15,000 participate.

The unions are asking every health care worker to participate in these actions. Together we represent the entire unionized workforce in Ontario's hospitals and also in many long term care facilities.

An electronic postcard asking Premier Ford not to appeal Bill 124 can be sent from the website of the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions-CUPE at www.ochu.on.ca



Sarah Anderson, President of CUPE 1548 and Area 5 AVP speaks at Ottawa rally against the privatization of blood plasma collection on Dec. 2. Canadian Blood Services signed a secret deal to privatize plasma collection. OPSEU leads a campaign to cancel that contract.