

Discussing Bill 124 with NDP MPPs



An Overview of Bill 124

- Bill 124—the '*Protecting a Sustainable Public Sector for Future Generation Act*'— is a direct attack on the front-line public workers who deliver the services our communities depend on across Ontario every day;
- Bill 124 will strip workers of their Charter-protected right to collective bargaining;
- It will force front-line public sector workers to accept contracts that do not keep pace with inflation;
- It will take money from the wallets of front-line workers that would have been spent in our communities;
- It will set the stage for more cuts to public services and more attacks on working people and our most vulnerable citizens.

Ontario has a Revenue Problem, Not a Spending Problem

- Capping wage increases to balance budget is not the answer: **Ontario has a revenue problem and not a spending problem;**
- On a per-person basis, Ontario spends less on public services than any other jurisdiction in Canada;
- The Ministry of Labour's data shows workers' wages in the public sector have not kept up with inflation for the past 10 years;
- If politicians were serious about managing Ontario's financial issues, they would bring Ontario's revenues in line with other jurisdictions by taxing those who can pay—wealthy corporations and individuals;
- Targeting workers who provide critical public services won't improve them, it only hurts your constituents and puts all Ontarians at risk;
- Bill 124 will only make a terrible situation worse, especially for low-waged, front-line workers who provide these vital public services in your ridings and for people in your constituencies who are dependent on these workers and their services.

Here are some ideas for us to work together to defeat Bill 124

- Canvassing/leafletting on the issue;
- Townhalls;
- Posting on website;
- Using your FB/Twitter to further support defeating Bill 124;
- Local press conferences with members who will be most affected by Bill 124;
- Op-eds to your local papers;
- Media interviews in local radio;
- Signing the petition; Having CUPE materials in your Constituency office for public;
- Questions in the legislature;
- Stalling the passage of the bill / filibuster passage;
- Joint press conference with CUPE at Queen's Park;
- Staying informed / keeping the lines of communications open about changes or any upcoming news on Bill 124.