

# 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.