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Subject: Please support the Keep Hydro Public coalition

Greetings,

Premier Kathleen Wynne and Liberal MPPs across our province have moved to sell shares of Hydro One, a public asset that belongs to us all. Bought and paid for with our taxes, Hydro One generates hundreds of millions every year for schools, hospitals and other vital public institutions and services in our communities.

This is happening despite a massive public opposition from Ontarians across regions, political affiliations, and all walks of life.

We should be gravely concerned about the audacity of any government that would move ahead to do this with no mandate and such visible overwhelming opposition.

It is why we adopted a resolution at our 2015 OFL Convention opposing the sale of Hydro One and calling on the OFL and its affiliates to support the Keep Hydro Public Campaign.

The Keep Hydro Public campaign, organized through a coalition formed by OFL affiliates and community allies, has been reaching Ontarians in target provincial ridings with Liberal MPPs calling on them to speak out. Our main message is clear: **It's not too late to stop this sell-off.**

One thing is absolutely clear: whether they stop or sell even more shares, **we will make the Liberals pay a political price and show them that we will fight back.** Campaign activities on the ground are gaining momentum and we need your support.

I am counting on you to support the following priority items.

1. Organize for the May 31 action against hydro privatization

On Tues May 31 at 9 a.m., we will hold a rally in Toronto at the intersection of College and University. We will be right outside the first Hydro One Annual General Shareholders Meeting to give voice to the 85% of Ontarians who want to Keep Hydro Public.

Stay tuned – the rally details will be circulated shortly. Buses will be organized from locations close to the GTA. We need your commitment to bring a strong turnout from your membership to this action. It is time to show the Liberals that this fight is not over.

2. Pledge your support

I am also asking you to pledge financial support for Keep Hydro Public's campaign work to continue. Your support will go toward immediate on-the-ground mobilizing efforts such as lawn signs, local campaign events in target Liberal ridings, and local advertising pointing the finger of responsibility at Liberal MPPs to represent the interests of their constituents.

3. Send members to community events

Keep Hydro Public is organizing a series of campaign launches followed by community leafleting sessions in Liberal ridings across the province. We are asking for members to come for **2 hours only** – to leaflet or canvass, depending on their comfort level – in their own community along with other activists. This is a short time commitment. Union members who have attended these launches have found them energizing and skill-building.

To stay in the loop, check in at www.KeepHydroPublic.ca and sign up to our list. You can also follow the facebook page: www.facebook.com/KeepHydroPublic
Twitter: [@KeepHydroPublic](https://twitter.com/KeepHydroPublic)

Your support will make a difference to help us engage and train activists from all our organizations on the ground, working in concert with community allies, and building power to fight privatization.


All donations can be sent to the OFL and we will hold them in a separate account as per a request by the Keep Hydro Public Coalition. (Please be sure to note: 'Keep Hydro Public Coalition in the cheque's memo field.) Until now funding has come from CUPE, OPSEU and Unifor, but more funding is needed we strongly encourage all affiliates to contribute as large a sum as they are able to, for these important efforts.

Fighting the privatization agenda in all its forms is a way to concretely raise expectations of our members and the public and to demand that governments work for us and our communities, not for banks and corporations.

With your commitment and your support, we can still Keep Hydro Public.

Thank you in advance for what I know will be strong support for this coalition – and for the activities they are holding. The OFL will be reaching out to you in the coming days to discuss this further.

In solidarity,


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