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<u>Injured workers take on 600 km bike ride to draw attention to your compensation system</u> being dismantled by the Liberal government!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Injured workers Richard Hudon and Peter Page with the support of the Ontario Network of Injured Workers' Groups (ONIWG) have embarked on a 600 km bike ride from Ottawa to Toronto to coincide with June 1st Injured Workers Day demonstration and rally held each year for the last 32 years at Queen's Park Toronto. The cyclists are doing this bike ride to draw attention to the current state of affairs at the Workers' Compensation Board known now as the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB).

"Our 100 year old system is being destroyed by uncaring government bureaucrats David Marshall and Kathleen Wynne. Their callous disregard for the plight of injured workers is evident in the cost cutting attacks upon injured workers' benefits. The denial of a workers right to fair compensation is fundamentally wrong and goes against what the system was set up to do." says Peter Page. "If a worker is injured at work, she or he should be compensated for any resulting disability not pushed into poverty and forgotten."

Ask yourself this question; what kind of support would I want when I am injured or made ill from work? Currently under I David Marshall President of the WSIB the support will not be there!

Richard and Peter will be asking all concerned to sign the Big Book of Injured Workers to show their support for a compensation system that will provide the help a worker needs when injured.

Support this bike ride by donating to Richard and Peter as they pass through your community. All money collected goes to our provincial organization ONIWG who fight for a fair and equitable system for all stakeholders.

Join them on Sunday May 24, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ the Day of Mourning Monument located in Vincent Massey Park in Ottawa located on Heron Rd. Join them in Cornwall @ 4:00 pm May 25, 2015 @ the Water Front Park, Day of Mourning Memorial located at the Limestone Railway Swing Bridge on old New York Road.

For more information on the bike ride itinerary go to: injuredworkersonline.org to follow their progress as they will be doing daily information updates.

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