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Dear friends and allies,

As you may know, the Ontario Network of Injured Workers Groups (ONIWG) is running an ongoing province-wide campaign called the [Workers' Comp is a Right campaign](#). We're sending this message out to you now to ask for your help in organizing a pan-Ontario Injured Worker Day of Action on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

In today's political climate here in Ontario, all of us who are in marginalized and vulnerable positions are having to stand up and defend our rights. The Ford government's attacks on labour rights, social assistance, people with disabilities, healthcare, students, and more, have been rapid-fire and relentless.

In the injured worker context, the government and WSIB announced a 30% reduction to employer premiums, which will surely lead to more austerity and cuts for people who have been injured or made ill on the job. And the government has also announced a review of the workers' compensation system, which may well lead to further pain. We need to show up for each other.

So on May 14<sup>th</sup>, we are organizing a province-wide Injured Worker Day of Action. So far, we have 7 communities committed to holding actions – Windsor, St Catharines, Peel, Thunder Bay, Guelph, Manitoulin, and Toronto – and we are expecting more. And we'd like to ask all our groups and our allies, to help us build, by doing one of the following:

1. **If you're in a community where an action is happening, join it!** Details for each action will be coming out soon.
2. **If there's no action in your community, organize one!** You could set up at a busy street corner and hand out leaflets and collect petition signatures, organize a picket outside a WSIB or MPP office, get a booth at a local mall – whatever makes sense for your community. We will be preparing flyers, posters, press releases, and other materials, so all you need to do is pick a time and location and make it happen. Even a few people getting together and handing out leaflets has a real impact.

If you're able to do one of these things, or would like more information, please email us at [workerscompisright@gmail.com](mailto:workerscompisright@gmail.com).

May 14<sup>th</sup> is perfect as it's shortly after the Day of Mourning on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and just before Injured Workers' Day on June 1<sup>st</sup>. So it's a good opportunity to build momentum from one event to the next, and expand the strength of our movement. And our movement is indeed growing. [Over the past year](#), we have met with over 70 MPPs, collected thousands of petition signatures, held rallies and actions, and gotten into the local media. We've also seen new injured worker groups form in at least four communities.

Now let's take another step together and make this Day of Action a real force across Ontario.

Onwards!



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