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BUILDING TRADES PICKET CHRISTIAN LABOUR ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

The Christian Labour Association of Canada met with business groups this morning to promote Bill 80 – the Saskatchewan Party's most recent attack on unions. Members of the Saskatchewan Building Trades and other concerned people gathered outside of the Hotel Saskatchewan this morning to provide the real story.

"Premier Wall has brought the Christian Labour Association of Canada into Saskatchewan as the next step in his agenda to disadvantage workers in favour of employers - who in this case happen to be Alberta construction companies," said Terry Parker, Business Manager for the Saskatchewan Building Trades. "We won't sit quietly by while the Saskatchewan Party and the Christian Labour Association scheme with business owners to reduce the minimum wages for young people and wages, benefits and rights for workers in the Saskatchewan construction industry."

The Saskatchewan Party introduced Bill 80 in the spring with no prior consultation with Saskatchewan people. If passed, Bill 80 will:

- Make the workplace less democratic for workers by allowing the boss - not workers - to choose the union.
- Lead to lower wages for construction workers.
- End province wide collective agreements and destabilize the construction industry.
- Give employers a backdoor to get rid of their unions through Bill 80's retroactive abandonment provisions.

"The Christian Labour Association of Canada would have you believe that Bill 80 is about competition among unions," said Parker. "Nothing could be further from the truth. If the government wanted more competition they could allow it with the stroke of a pen under the current legislation. What the Saskatchewan Party really wants is to allow employers to pick the union for the workplace instead of letting workers choose."

"I challenge the Christian Labour Association of Canada to compete with us. They'll make excuses about why they won't but the truth is that workers will pick the Building Trades every time over the Christian Labour Association of Canada because we represent the interests of workers first. The Christian Labour Association of Canada doesn't represent workers first and can't compete with us on a level playing field, so their friends in the Saskatchewan Party are changing the rules in their favour."

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Building Trades members will conduct an information picket outside of the Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina December 15, 2009 from 7:15 to 7:30am.

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