



Security Update

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

The ILWU along with Canada's other Longshore Unions are still embroiled in a struggle against Transport Canada over the proposed new Marine Facility Security regulations.

On March 8, 2005, Bob Ashton, Local 500, Frank Scigiliano, Local 514, Steve Buckle, Local 502 and myself Tom Dufresne, ILWU Canada, traveled once again to Ottawa to have the regulations put on hold, we were not successful. While the unions have been successful in reducing the number of positions affected, it is still the Unions' position that the regulations are overly intrusive and lack a fair and transparent appeals process.

The Unions are not alone in this fight against creeping fascism. The cities of Burnaby, Vancouver and North Vancouver have joined us in our call to the Minister of Transport to abandon this attack on our civil rights and have passed resolutions to this effect.

The proposed regulations are opposed by as diverse a group as I have ever witnessed. The Chamber of Shipping, the BC Wharf Operators Association and the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association have joined the ILWU in our "Fight Back Campaign".

The Vancouver Province November 12th, 2004:

"Thumbs Up: To measures to secure Canada's ports without subjecting every port worker in the country to a criminal check." "Transport Minister Jean Lapierre indicated that any employee objecting to the invasive check must have something to hide. That type of logic belongs in a totalitarian state not Canada."

The issue has also been raised in the House of Commons in Ottawa. M.P. Bill Siksay has voiced his opposition in the House and has joined with BC's other four NDP members in writing to Minister Lapierre asking him to stop this attack. The Bloc has raised objections in the House as has James Moore the Conservative transport critic on March 8, 2005:

" Why has it taken three and a half years since 9/11 for the government to get its act together to put forward real measures to secure our ports rather than harassing Longshoremen with undue security-."

The Unions along with the Canadian Labour Congress have been taking all reasonable measures to reach a reasonable resolution. The Minister in a statement to the press in February promised a more flexible appeals procedure, nothing has come of it.

The regulations are to be printed in June of 2005, the Union will take whatever action necessary to ensure that our members have an opportunity to review the regulations and have their questions answered .

Members are encouraged to [write their member of Parliament](#) and voice their objections.

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