

CUPW Statement on Canadian Labour Congress support for Bill Morneau's Candidacy for OECD Secretary General

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers objects to the decision of the CLC to join with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to support the appointment of Bill Morneau to the position of OECD Secretary-General.

In our view Mr. Morneau's actions as Finance Minister demonstrated that he is exactly the wrong type of person to head any important international organization.

Mr. Morneau supported denying postal workers our basic democratic and constitutional right to collective bargaining in November 2018. He also was the architect of Bill C-27, an attack on the pensions of workers in the Federal sector. This legislation was opposed by the entire labour movement and many organizations representing seniors and pensioners. In a letter to Mr. Morneau, the Canadian labour Congress described the legislation as "an unconscionable betrayal of the legal rights and protections of plan members."

Furthermore the record demonstrates that during his tenure as Finance Minister, Mr. Morneau did little to pursue progressive policies with respect to the OECD's core economic mandate of promoting inclusive growth, sustainable economic development and digital economy.

CUPW also objects to the CLC partnering with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to make this joint statement. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has a long history of supporting reactionary anti-worker legislation and opposing progressive measures advocated by the labour movement and our true allies.

Many of our members will find it shocking that the CLC would choose to make a public statement in support of Mr. Morneau when there are so many other important pressing issues that confront working people and need to be addressed by the labour movement.

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