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Dear member:

Provincial legislation requires unions to categorize expenses as being "core" and "non-core". It also requires members to opt-in before dues can be spent on "non-core" activities. This needs to be done on an annual basis.

Our local is a grassroots union run primarily by volunteers. These new rules create red tape which is designed to divert resources away from representing and advocating for our members. In order to comply with these new rules, we are sending you this letter with information about our "core" and "non-core" spending.

CUPE Local 3550 Executive along with the CUPE Local 3550 membership voted unanimously to declare our budget beginning September 1, 2021 and ending August 31, 2022 as "all core". 100% of union dues you pay will be used for core activities. If this changes, we will let you know, and we will provide an opportunity for you to opt-in.

These rules are designed to weaken your union and stop us from being active in our community. Our union has always made democratic decisions on spending at meetings that are open to all members. We are concerned that this legislation interferes with that democratic process. We can't let that happen. This letter will be discussed at our next General Membership meeting, and we hope to see you there. Please come to our next General Membership meeting:

September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom (look for the meeting reminder sent to your work and home emails in order to register for the meeting)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at (780) 455-1435 or email us at cupe3550@telus.net.

In solidarity,

Jorge Illanes