

CUPE NOVA SCOTIA

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CUPE members came out in the rain and cold on February 28 to support our Sisters and Brothers in the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC).



(picture courtesy of Marianne Welsh CUPE local 2305)

CUPE Nova Scotia President Danny Cavanagh addressed the crowd and told them that CUPE is standing shoulder to shoulder with them in their fight for pay equity and against wage rollbacks.

Pictured are members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada and supporters from CUPE, NSGEU and other unions and groups shown chanting and waving signs outside the Halifax Westin Hotel as federal MPs arrived at the Nova Scotia Liberal Party's annual convention.

PSAC union leaders say the three poison pills contained in the Budget Implementation Act, include clauses that will cut wages, deny pay equity and complicate the employment insurance process. Sister Jeannie Baldwin, the Regional Executive Vice-President of the union says there are parts of this bill that must be changed. Union members were looking to send a message to Michael Ignatieff that union members want these clauses carved out of Bill C-10.

Said Cavanagh, "It's important that unions band together in solidarity when we face challenges. We need to fight wage rollbacks and we need to stand in solidarity to ensure they don't happen. Many Nova Scotians need to get EI and we need to work together to ensure that happens during tough times."

Parliament's vote on budget implementation is expected to take place some time before the middle of March. The rollback clause would take a 2.5 per cent wage settlement that was negotiated last year and roll it back to 1.5 per cent in November, costing 30,000 Canada Revenue Agency employees and union members about \$528 each.

The Federal Liberals appear to be willing to sell out workers' rights in order to support the Harper budget.

Take action today and fax your MP by visiting the link; Don't use the budget bill to eliminate pay equity

<http://petition.web.net/psac/node/26>