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IBEW CCO OPPOSES PROVINCE'S BILL 28

STATEMENT FROM JAMES BARRY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE IBEW CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL OF ONTARIO

(Toronto, ON) The IBEW Construction Council of Ontario (IBEW CCO) is calling on the Ontario government to return to the bargaining table and says Bill 28 is an indefensible attack on the right of all workers and unions to bargain.

"It is important to let the Ontario Government know when we believe it is out of line. Using the "Notwithstanding Clause" to strip our province's education workers of their Charter right to freely bargain a collective agreement and to, instead, impose a contract is morally wrong," said James Barry, Executive Secretary Treasurer of IBEW CCO.

"We all want our children to stay in school, they have suffered enough over the last few years, but we must also consider the education workers in this negotiation who help support our school system and its students on a daily basis. Imposing this Bill without adequate and meaningful dialogue is not acceptable," said Barry.

The IBEW CCO urges the Province and CUPE to return to the bargaining table immediately and to resolve their differences through a negotiated agreement that serves the interests of all Ontarians."

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The IBEW Construction Council of Ontario represents 11 Local Unions across the province of Ontario, serving more than 17,000 women and men in the electrical industry.