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Ford government wage suppressing Bill 124 ruled unconstitutional by Ontario Superior Court. Delegates at B.C. Regional Council and Quebec Council called to mobilize to protect workers rights and build a better, more inclusive, economy. Take action to get ILO 190 ratified to protect all workers from third-party violence. The union rallies against the New Brunswick government's anti-worker reforms. Unifor opens a new Labour Action Centre in Windsor to support former Syncreon auto workers. Critical airline worker concerns addressed at federal aviation recovery summit. Plus: Aerospace sector op-ed in the Hill Times. Air Canada Jazz, Carpenter Canada Ltd. and Toronto Terminals Railway bargaining updates.

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Unifor stands with UNI Global Union. We must ratify ILO 190 for better and more comprehensive policies and collective agreements protecting all workers from third party violence.

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Ontario Premier Doug Ford's wage-restraint law, Bill 124, unconstitutionally removed workers' rights when the government imposed a 1% wage cap, even through the pandemic.

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At the B.C. Regional Council in Whistler, B.C., Unifor Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle gave his first in-person report to B.C. delegates in more than two years. He reviewed recent victories, including single-step certification, and called for an organizing summit in the new year to help members put a focus on growing the union.

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At the B.C. Regional Council, National President Lana Payne discussed Unifor's key role in organizing for a general strike that forced the Government of Ontario to back down on extreme anti-union measures. She also reported on how Unifor is challenging the Bank of Canada's supposed anti-inflation policies.

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The 17th Unifor Quebec Council was held in Montreal on the weekend of November 25 to 27, 2022. It was the first Quebec Council since the election of the new Quebec Director, Daniel Cloutier.

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Unifor stands in firm solidarity with New Brunswick public sector workers and their unions amid the Higgs government's anti-worker, anti-labour legislation to amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act.

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Unifor members at Strathcona Paperworks in Napanee, Ont., voted 94% in favour of strike action as negotiations with their employer stall.

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National President Lana Payne and National Secretary Treasurer Len Poirier meet members as they toured four workplaces in Metro Vancouver on Nov. 28: Local 4275 (Hotel Vancouver), Local 111 and 2200 (Coast Mountain Bus Company/Translink), Local 2000 (Mitchell Press) and Local 456 (Kruger Tissue Products). Check out the Facebook photo album.

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A new Labour Action Centre to support former Syncreon Automotive workers has officially opened in Windsor, Ontario. The Centre will assist the almost 300 Unifor Local 195 members who lost their jobs when Syncreon closed last month.

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Unifor addressed key industry concerns including understaffing, a living wage at airports for all aviation workers, an end to contract flipping, introduction of successorship rights, and proper training and true protection for the harassment endured by workers on the job at the federal government's National Summit on the Recovery of the Air Sector.

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Read Unifor National President Lana Payne's latest op-ed in the Hill Times on course-correcting Canada's aerospace industry.

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Nov. 30 was the National Day of Action for Child Care and Unifor demanded better wages for Early Childhood Educators at rallies in Toronto and Halifax. See the video now.

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Members at Unifor Local 2002's Jazz Aviation's Customer and Aircraft Services group have ratified a new five-year collective agreement.

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Unifor opened bargaining for a new collective agreement with Toronto Terminals Railway (TTR).

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Unifor Local 252 has ratified a new three-year deal with Carpenter Canada Ltd. in Vaughan, Ont.

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Nov. 25 starts a global campaign of 16 Days of Activism for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This year's theme is Unite: Activism to End Violence Against Women. In the spirit of unity, Unifor is raising awareness among the membership about the Signal for Help, which began in 2020 as a way for women to silently show they need help and want someone to safely check in with them.

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