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SFL calls on Premier Wall to stand up for working families

The Saskatchewan Federation of Labour is calling on Premier Brad Wall to urge the Federal Government to fix the country's employment insurance system so that working women and men and their families can weather the current economic storm. Wall is attending the First Ministers Conference today and tomorrow in Ottawa.

The SFL is also calling on Saskatchewan's Premier to urge the Stephen Harper government to invest in infrastructure including schools, universities, hospitals, affordable social housing and roads.

"We fully endorse the Canadian Labour Congress plan to stimulate the economy and to create and protect jobs, pensions and public services," said SFL President, Larry Hubich.

The CLC plan includes:

- Increasing Employment Insurance benefits;
- Ensuring laid-off workers have access to training and adjustment programs;
- Launching a major public investment program;
- Providing pension guarantees and protections;
- Investing in hard-hit sectors including automobiles and forestry; and
- Maintaining equalization transfers to provinces and cities for initiatives that benefit the public.

"The Canadian Labour Congress has got it right; government must find solutions that help everybody, not just the banks and corporations that got us into this mess in the first place," added Hubich.

The SFL represents 95,000 unionized workers from 37 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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