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SFL Calls for Sobeys' Boycott

Today the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour Executive Council endorsed a boycott of Sobeys stores in Regina and Saskatoon.

Members of Retail, Wholesale, Department Store Union Local 454 have been on strike since September 11th, 2005 at the South Albert Street Sobeys in Regina.

Sobeys is refusing to provide competitive rates of pay to its employees and in fact, pays workers in its non-unionized stores higher hourly wages.

"We are asking consumers not to shop at Sobeys until this dispute is settled," said SFL President Larry Hubich.

"At this time of year it is especially important to support workers who are struggling to make ends meet after months without a pay cheque. We urge trade unionists and the communities of Regina and Saskatoon to support this boycott", added Hubich.

The franchise owners of South Albert Street Sobeys have been found guilty of unfair labour practices by the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board. The Company has been promoting or encouraging decertification every year since it was first organized in 1999 and in Saskatoon the UFCW has lost their store through similar interference.

"You have to question what future there is for young workers in Saskatchewan when they are confronted with unfair working conditions, intimidation and lack of respect in the workplace", said Hubich, "this is why these workers are braving the freezing weather fighting for dignity."

The SFL represents 93,500 unionized workers from over 35 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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