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An extra greeting for Wal-Mart shoppers

In addition to the regular greeter at Wal-Mart stores, shoppers this weekend will be met by local trade union members and other working people protesting the way the giant retailer treats its employees.

The Canadian Labour Congress has organized “greetings” at 43 stores across Canada as a show of support for the people Wal-Mart insists “make a difference every day” – its workers.

Wal-Mart employees at numerous locations – including Weyburn and North Battleford in Saskatchewan - have attempted to become union members in order to improve wages, benefits and job security. The corporation has consistently ignored the wishes of its employees to be represented by a union and has gone so far as to close retailing facilities to prevent the employees from organizing.

Working people have a legal and a constitutional right to join a union. It's objectionable and very regrettable that this Arkansas-based mega-store chain would not accept that. It reveals a sizable lack of respect for Canadian working people.

The demonstrations in this province will be held Saturday May 7 at 11 AM at the Preston Crossing store in Saskatoon and Regina's Rochdale and Pasqua store.

The protests are aimed at convincing Wal-Mart that it should stop denying wage earners their rights.

The demonstrations are endorsed by the municipal labour councils and the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour.

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