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**Canada-Wide Day of Action In Support Of Tim Hortons Workers January 19th -
NL Federation of Labour and Affiliates Stand in Solidarity with Minimum Wage
Workers in Ontario**

St. John's, NL - The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour (NLFL) is putting the full support of its 65,000 members solidly behind minimum wage workers in Ontario, who had benefits and paid breaks rolled back by greedy employers.

As part of a Canada-wide day of action on January 19th, in support of Tim Hortons workers in Ontario, the NLFL is urging its affiliates to sign a petition addressed to Daniel Schwartz, CEO Restaurant Brands International Inc. (RBI) (parent company of Tim Hortons); and to contact the company directly via email, social media, or telephone.

“The actions of these employers is nothing short of bullying,” said NLFL President Mary Shortall. “It is one thing to voice opposition to an increase in the minimum wage, but to roll back the benefits and breaks of your minimum wage employees to offset such an increase, is absolutely outrageous coming from some of the wealthiest corporations in the country. Shortall says that “such actions demonstrate why workers need a stronger voice in their workplace to protect them this type of mistreatment.”

The NLFL will be mounting its own minimum wage campaign in the coming months, and will be looking for government to implement a strategy to get Newfoundland & Labrador to a \$15 minimum wage. “We have one of the lowest minimum wage rates in the country, and over 30% of all workers in our province earn less than \$15 an hour. In addition, the majority of those workers are women,” said Shortall. “All workers deserve the right to earn a decent wage.”

The NLFL is looking forward to discussions with the provincial government on this important issue; to help reduce income inequality, poverty, and close the gender pay gap in our province.

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