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General membership
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
12:00 - 1:30 pm
Online event via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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GMM Package

STOP Bill 184! Tenants have been removed and evictions easier

Immediate action is required to revoke Bill 184, the misnamed Protecting Tenants, and Strengthening Community Housing Act. Premier Doug Ford has tried to legislate this bill into law without discussion or debate from interested parties or the political opposition. The Premier attempted to capitalize on the COVID 19 pandemic to silently pass legislation that would, among other things, simplify the eviction of tenants and reduce or remove other tenant protections within the Residential Tenancy Act, 2006, S.O., c.17.

Bill 184 plans to hasten evictions by limiting tenants' legal rights, and in some cases, removing the requirement to hold eviction hearings. Previously, renters were able to raise issues like chronic disrepair, or harassment at eviction hearings: the Landlord-

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into law, tenants would be required to give notice in writing of these complaints before a hearing occurs. When landlords apply to evict tenants for late rent, the Tribunal can make repayment agreements. However, under the provisions of Bill 184, if a tenant missed a single repayment, the Tribunal would be empowered to issue an eviction order without a hearing.

In the absence of financial relief for hard-pressed Toronto tenants and the attempt to make evictions easier for landlords, the Provincial Government has issued a clear message to residential tenants- the Ford Government will sacrifice the health and safety of tenants for the profits of greedy landlords. It is a direct threat to tenants and a gift to landlords that want "tenancy at will" with no legal protection for tenants. Ask the Premier, Housing Minister, and the media to stop Bill 184 and inquire why Premier Ford and his Conservative Government are making it easier for landlords to evict tenants. "Remember Bill 184 will affect over half a million (500,000) tenants in Toronto as they comprise forty-seven percent (47%) of Toronto households according to "census Canada 2016".

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Letter to the University on Members Safely Returning to Work

As the University Administration starts to develop its road map for a safe return to campus, we would like to request an urgent meeting for all of the Unions and Faculty Association leaders to meet with University Health and Safety decision makers to

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Our goal would be to establish regular opportunities for such joint discussions on an ongoing basis. The University will benefit from feedback from the Unions and Faculty Association which have close contact with their members and understand their workplaces and concerns. We are in regular contact with our members, many of whom are very anxious about a return to campus. If we are engaged in the planning process and are able to have input, we can use our networks as part of a joint effort of communicating the University's plans to our members and educating them on safe workplace practices. This will make the return to campus smoother for everyone. We want every member of the University of Toronto community to be able to return to campus with confidence.

[Read the full letter here.](#)



New Member Orientation

Friday, July 10, 2020

3:15 - 5:00 pm

U of T Staff-appointed Unit

Online event via Zoom

The session will consist of a 45-minute presentation with a question and answer period. Topics include:

- Why Unionize: what is the purpose of coming together as workers to form a union
- Knowing your Collective Agreement including benefits
- How you can get advice and representation
- How you can get involved in the union
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This session is geared to members in the U of T Staff-appointed Bargaining Unit.



United Steelworkers, Local 1998
Health & Safety Assistant
(Full time six-month contract)

There is a vacancy for a Health & Safety Assistant at the Local for a full-time six-month assignment.

This short-term position reports to the President and takes functional direction from the Health and Safety Coordinator (HSC). The Health and Safety Assistant (HSA) assists the HSC in providing health and safety services to the members of USW Local 1998, particularly during the COVID-19 emergency and the transition back to onsite work. The HSA interacts with a wide range of people, which may include Local 1998 members, Joint Health and Safety Committee members and Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) staff. Taking guidance from the HSC, the HSA provides information and advice on safe work practices and compliance measures, particularly in relation to the COVID-19 emergency.

This is currently a work-from-home position, but will transition to the union office, 25 Cecil Street, when it is safe to do so.

Applications due **July 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm**

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