



CANADA'S HEALTHCARE UNION

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FILIPINO AND CHINESE HEALTHCARE WORKERS HELD DOWN BY DOUG FORD'S WAGE CAP TO SPEAK OUT AT PRESS CONFERENCE

****Please note: see below for translated releases in Tagalog and Chinese. Both conference will be spoken in the workers' home language (Tagalog and Cantonese/Mandarin)****

Richmond Hill, Ontario — Frontline Filipino and Chinese healthcare workers will speak at virtual media conferences on Wednesday to discuss the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on them and how Doug Ford's Bill 124 will make things even harder for them moving forward. These workers are calling on Bill 124 to be repealed immediately.

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on Ontario's healthcare system, where a large percentage of the service workers in hospitals, long-term care homes and homecare come from Asian pacific islander communities.

Bill 124, which was legislated by Doug Ford's Ontario government in 2019, limits compensation increases to 1% a year for all public sector workers, dooms healthcare workers to a wage cut, and fails to reward their fierce dedication to those they care for, says SEIU Healthcare, a union representing over 60,000 healthcare workers in Ontario.

The wage cap also includes benefits, which limits the ability of these workers to negotiate much-needed increases to mental health supports like psychotherapy and post traumatic stress disorder counselling.

WHEN: Filipino Conference: Wednesday, June 23 – 9:30 a.m. -
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82702037284>

Chinese Conference: Wednesday, June 23 – 10:30 a.m.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89514947724>

SEIU Healthcare represents more than 60,000 healthcare and community service workers across Ontario. The union's members work in hospitals, homecare, nursing and retirement homes, and community services throughout the province. www.seiuhealthcare.ca

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Richmond Hill, Ontario — Ang Frontline Filipino healthcare workers ay magsasalita sa isang virtual media conference sa Miyerkoles upang talakayin ang naging epekto ng COVID-19 pandemic sa kanila, at kung bakit mas mahihirapan pa sila dahil sa Bill 124 ni Doug Ford. Hinihiling ng workers na ito na ipawalang-bisa kaagad ang Bill 124.

Ang COVID-19 pandemic ay nagdulot ng malaking kaguluhan sa healthcare system ng Ontario, kung saan maraming service workers mula sa mga isla sa Asia Pacific ang siyang natratrabaho sa mga ospital, long-term care homes, at homecare.

Ang Bill 124 ay isinabatas ng pamahalaan ni Doug Ford noong 2019; nili-limit nito ang pagtaas ng compensation sa 1% bawat taon para sa lahat ng public sector workers, binibigyan nito ng wage cut ang healthcare workers, at hindi nito ginagantimpalaan ang kanilang kasipagan sa kanilang mga inaalagaan, sabi ng SEIU Healthcare, isang unyon na kumakatawan sa mahigit sa 60,000 healthcare workers sa Ontario.

Kasama rin sa wage cap na ito ang benefits na nagli-limit sa kakayahan ng workers na ito na mag-negotiate upang matanggap ang lubos na kinakailangang pagdagdag ng suporta sa mental health / pangkaisipang kalusugan tulad ng psychotherapy at post traumatic stress disorder counselling.

KAILAN: Miyerkoles, Hunyo 23 – 9:30 a.m.

ANO ITO: Ang Frontline Filipino healthcare workers ay magsasalita tungkol sa kanilang mga karanasan sa COVID-19 at sa kanilang mga panawagang ipawalang-bisa ang Bill 124. Ang workers na ito ay magsasalita at sasagot sa mga katanungan sa kapwa Tagalog at Ingles.

SAAN: Virtual media conference, ZOOM link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82702037284>

线华裔医护人员将于周三在虚拟媒体会议上发言，讨论新冠大流行对他们的影响，以及道格·福特的第124号法案将如何使他们的发展变得更加困难。这些医护人员呼吁立即废除124号法案。

新冠大流行对安大略省的医疗保健系统造成了严重破坏，其中医院、长期护理院和家庭护理的大部分服务人员来自亚太裔社区。

SEIU Healthcare，一个代表安大略省60,000多名医疗保健工作者的工会，提到道格·福特所领导的安大略省政府于2019年立法第124号法案，将所有公共部门工作人员的加薪限制在每年1%的范围内，此举必定使医疗保健工作者的薪水减少，并且不能奖励他们对患者的高度奉献。

工资上限制度还包括削减福利，此举束缚了这些医护人员协商急需增加的心理健康支持（如心理治疗和创伤后应激障碍咨询）的能力。

时间：6月23日，星期三 - 上午10:30

内容：一线华裔医护人员将谈论他们在新冠疫情中的经历，并呼吁废除124号法案。这些医护人员将用粤语、普通话和英语发言和回答问题。

地点：虚拟媒体发布会，ZOOM链接: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89514947724>