

Five easy things you can do to help elect an MP who supports **public services**

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GET the FACTS



Get information about this government's record on public services and other important issues.

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FIND OUT about your **LOCAL CANDIDATES**



Ask your candidates what they will do to protect and promote public services.

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SPREAD the **WORD**



Talk to your friends and co-workers.
Share information about the election on Facebook, Twitter and other social networks.
Encourage others to vote.

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JOIN US



on Facebook, Twitter @psacnat and sign up for email at psacunion.ca/signup to keep up to date.

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VOTE on **ELECTION DAY!**



Want to get more involved?

- ☒ Contact your PSAC regional office to reach out to other members
- ☒ Place an election sign on your property
- ☒ Attend all-candidate debates
- ☒ Volunteer in a campaign office



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FEDERAL ELECTION 2015

The 2015 election is an opportunity to set a different course for our country.

When you go to the polls this year, keep in mind the Conservative government's record on the public services Canadians depend on.



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Child care

Fewer than 1 in 4 Canadian kids have access to regulated child care. The Conservatives abolished the federal-provincial-territorial funding agreements on child care, cutting \$1 billion out of child care in Canada. Instead of making child care affordable, the government introduced cash payments directly to parents, which represent only a small fraction of monthly child care costs.

Health care

Because of federal cutbacks – estimated at \$36 billion over the next decade – and changes to the funding formula, our health care systems will soon face serious spending cuts and will not be sustainable.



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Job cuts

The Conservative government cut 26,000 jobs in the public service with plans to cut 9,000 more, putting families and local economies in jeopardy. These job cuts mean that 35,000 full-time jobs will have been permanently eliminated from the economy. The cuts have directly hurt front line public services.

Human rights

The Conservative government has been steadily reversing gains on women's rights, including gutting pay equity for federal employees. The Conservatives have also cut funding for Aboriginal education, employment and living standards, and have targeted any group that criticizes the government with funding cuts.



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Employment Insurance

Legislative changes to EI are hurting workers and economies in many communities in Canada. Fewer than 40% of laid off workers are now covered by EI, the lowest in 40 years.

Environment

Over the last decade, Canada has gone from having a good record on environmental protection, to one of the worst among industrialized countries. Environmental laws and standards have been gutted, and the government abandoned its Kyoto Accord commitment to reduce greenhouse gases.



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Retirement security

The government is planning legislation on target pension plans that will erode pension benefits for workers and undermine existing pension plans, including those of our members. It also increased the age of eligibility for Old Age Security from 65 to 67 – a direct hit on the retirement security of the next generation of Canadians.

Veterans

This government closed nine Veterans Affairs offices and cut hundreds of front line workers who provide services to veterans. As a result, many veterans are not getting access to the services they need.



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