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Dear members

With the reaching of tentative agreements, questions are being raised about the specific impact of ratification votes on the status of the OSSTF/FEESO legal challenge against Bill 115. It is important to remember that our legal challenge was filed in early October, along with three other unions, as a result of the passage of Bill 115 and the government's actions leading up to its passage. Those facts, as well as the substantive provisions of Bill 115 itself, form the basis of our legal challenge to overturn the Act.

While events post Bill 115 such as holding strike votes, engaging in strikes against the employer and reaching tentative settlements may be referred to as the court proceedings progress, holding ratification votes in and of themselves will not be a deciding factor. The law remains unchanged and the sweeping and unprecedented powers it accorded the Minister remain the primary basis for our challenge. It is also important to acknowledge that our attack against Bill 115 is complex and will likely be a lengthy process.

OSSTF/FEESO is committed to having the government repeal Bill 115 and we will continue, along with our partners, to explore all avenues at our disposal to achieve that objective.



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