

SGEU members: Say "Yes!" to Your rights "No!" to the Essential Services Act

Are better wages and benefits important to you?

Then you should know that future improvements in your quality of life are threatened by the provincial government's Bill 5 -- proposed essential services legislation that will make it much more difficult for your union to bargain better wages, benefits and working conditions for you and your co-workers.

What will change under Bill 5?

Bill 5 will give employers new powers designed to weaken the bargaining position of your union. That means SGEU will have less power to negotiate the positive changes you would like to see in your workplace. Bill 5 permits employers to designate virtually any work performed by union employees as "essential." Those workers will lose their right to strike.

Who will this effect?

Virtually every SGEU member stands to lose. Bill 5 would cover workers in:

- government departments
- Crown Corporations, agencies, boards and authorities
- health care, education and community service agencies.

Is this law necessary?

Over 90 per cent of collective agreements are settled without work disruptions, and unions have traditionally ensured the safety and well-being of the public.

What can I do?

- **Join the May Day rally** -- at noon at the Saskatchewan legislature on May 1
- **Contact Minister of Labour Rob Norris** at legislationfeedback@lab.gov.sk.ca

