

## **Petition to Stop the Conservative Government's Plans to Cut Federal Public Services**

The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) and the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC) have initiated a campaign aimed at convincing Members of Parliament and Treasury Board President Tony Clement that eliminating jobs to reach budget goals is not in the best interest of the public service or the Canadian public. As part of the Partnership with Canadians campaign, PSAC and PIPSC have asked for the assistance of their fellow bargaining agents, and many have agreed to assist, including CAPE.

The campaign includes a petition that we have been asked to circulate among our members.

The purpose of this petition is to raise awareness about the importance of federal public services and to demonstrate to Members of Parliament and Treasury Board President Tony Clement that there is public support to stop the Conservative government's plans to cut these services.

The plan is to circulate the petitions as widely as possible to gain as many signatures as possible. The goal is to collect over 150,000 signatures.

[Click here to download the petition](#)

### **Key points about the petition**

- There must be at least 25 **signatures** on each petition for it to be accepted in the House of Commons. Petitions with less than 25 signatures cannot be used.
- The petition is 8 ½ x 14 with room for up to 30 signatures on one page.
- With each signature, there must be an address – city and postal code are sufficient.
- This petition has a column for the person's name to be printed. However, the person must **sign** the petition. A printed name alone is not acceptable.
- There is also a column for an e-mail address. This is strictly for the purpose of providing the person with updates about the campaign and will not be used for any other purpose.
- The printed name and email address portions are optional.
- The originals of the petition will be provided to Members of Parliament. Copies will be provided to Treasury Board President Tony Clement.

It is critical that each MP see addresses on the petition that are in his or her riding. Obviously it will be impossible to ensure that every petition form only has supporters from one riding. Once a petition has been completed, or has a minimum of 25 signatures, please **mail the original petition to the CAPE national office at 100 Queen Street, Suite 400, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 1J9.**

- Petitions must be received at the CAPE national office no later than Monday October 17, 2011.