

From The Hall

I.B.E.W. Local 2067

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Yesterday the Business Office forwarded information about a rally being organized by the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in regards to the passing of Bill 40. Previously we had made the decision that it was not in the best interest of the Local Union to support these types of events, as we did not think it to be effective or necessarily reflect the views of our entire membership.

After a previous rally that had been held at the Legislature in Regina, we were informed by upset members that they believed that by not forwarding on the information from the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, we were effectively withholding information. It was never our intent to prevent any members from making their own informed decisions on what initiatives they wanted to support, as everyone has a right to choose what level of engagement and involvement is right for them.

As such we made the decision that we would only provide the information to the membership and that would allow members to make their own decisions. This morning our office was contacted by members that were disappointed on what they saw on both social media, and the news as well as what they had been hearing on the radio. Some of the members indicated that they were ashamed that IBEW would support this type of protest.

We do not condone the behaviours of those who made the choice to escalate the protest and do not believe that to have been the intended desire of this event. We understand that these types of behaviours are often from the minority and reflect poorly on the majority who had likely just wanted their voice to be heard.

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