

***ER #2. Protect the Autonomy of Health and Safety Inspectors***

Submitted by Ontario Public Service Employees Union

Whereas all workers in Ontario rely on occupational health and safety inspectors to protect their safety through effective enforcement of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA); and

Whereas inspectors possess experience, judgment, and expertise that improves workplace health and safety; and

Whereas autonomy to perform their legislative authorities is essential to an even-handed and fair health and safety enforcement system; and

Whereas Schedule 30 of Bill 177, the Budget Measures bill currently before the legislature, allows the Deputy Minister of Labour to issue directives that inspectors will be forced to follow or risk discipline and prosecution, and undermines their ability to use their own professional judgment to protect worker health and safety;

**Therefore be it resolved that the OFL and its affiliates lobby the government against all parts of Schedule 30 that limit the autonomy of inspectors to enforce the OHSA.**

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