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The Conservative government plans to take away women's right to pay equity!

The Yukon Federation of Labour stands in support of the Public Service Alliance of Canada as they challenge Bill C-10. "This bill will take us back decades" says Alex Furlong, YFL President. "Pay equity is a human rights issue in this country; eliminating women's ability to pursue pay equity complaints is contrary to Canadian values."

The Public Sector Equitable Compensation Act, part of the Budget Implementation Act, will remove the right of public sector employees to file complaints for pay equity with the Canadian Human Rights Commission. It will effectively force women to file any pay equity complaints as individuals; unions will be fined \$50,000 for assisting women with pay equity complaints. "Who can afford to challenge the government on their own? This creates a mockery of justice" adds Furlong.

Government officials admit there is no proof this will save the government any money; these measures certainly will not save jobs or protect our economy. "The only agenda here seems to be union busting, and the continued systematic dismantling of the rights of Canada's working women" finishes Furlong.

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