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**NEWS RELEASE**

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For immediate release:

**Budget 2007- Middle Class still on the outside looking in!**

The Yukon Federation of Labour said today that the recent federal budget announcement by the Government of Canada is yet another example of the middle class, working families having to continue their struggle to survive. “ this budget has a little gift for everyone, yet we do not see where this government has a vision for the country” states Alex Furlong, President of YFL.

Furlong further states “that it appears that this budget has plenty of giveaways for big business and wealthy individuals but there will be little or no improvement in the quality of life for working families in this country”.

Furlong further states that “we do not see anything here for families who cannot get affordable, quality childcare, nothing to address the concerns of student tuition fees and nothing for literacy, poverty or affordable housing”. “ While I agree with the leaders of the Northern Territories that an increase of \$ 115 million dollars is good news, this government could have done more and restored the massive cuts they made recently to programs for women, literacy and other groups in this territory and across the country”.

Furlong closes by stating “ if you look closely, working families appear to be paying for the rich to get richer through the massive cuts of last year and we should all be concerned if this government gets a majority in the next election”.

**The Yukon Federation of Labour, labour`s voice in the Yukon, represents 4,000 members and is a charter member of the Canadian Labour Congress which represents 3.2 million workers in Canada.**

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