

# KEEP AUCE INTACT VOTE TO LOBBY

What will it mean when you vote "to lobby the CLC"?

It will mean that you are convinced the AUCE has demonstrated its value, and that you want your union to continue to exist!

The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) refused our **first** application for membership. But unions have been admitted, after their initial rejection, because of support from other CLC unions. Instead of giving up at the first attempt, we can cause the CLC to change its decision by lobbying other CLC members to fight on our behalf.

AUCE is worth preserving. Our contracts are better than those of other unions that represent university and college employees. Our wages are higher. The members of each of our AUCE locals determine what we negotiate for, who negotiates for us, and how union funds are spent. Members of most unions are not so fortunate. For example:

- In BCGEU, locals do not bargain directly with their employers and local finances are controlled from higher up.
- In CUPE more than half of dues collected are taken from the local to support regional and national bureaucrats.
- In OTEU and CUPE, final decision-making power is in New York and Ottawa.

If AUCE were to "merge" with BCGEU, OTEU, or CUPE, we would see our own contracts eroded. Much of the decision-making power of our **elected** local officers would pass to regional, national, and even international bodies. We don't have to give up our union to get better services. **Direct** affiliation to the CLC by lobbying will get us all the services we want.

If you abstained on the last affiliation ballot because you were concerned that AUCE would lose its independence, then you should vote to **lobby the CLC** affiliates on the next ballot. It's better to be in the CLC as AUCE than to be swallowed by BCGEU, CUPE, or OTEU!

**Vote to Lobby CLC Affiliates.** It's the only way to keep AUCE intact!

Sponsored by members of all AUCE locals.