

Canadians want union leaders to support public financial disclosure

(Vancouver, October 29th, 2013) Working Canadians, including current and formerly unionized employees, want the nation's union leaders to work with government to create public financial disclosure laws – this despite a two year, multi-million dollar campaign by union leaders to keep their tax-free billions hidden from tax paying Canadians.

That's one of many revelations contained in State of the Unions 2013, a new Report compiled by Leger for the Canadian LabourWatch Association of 1,400 employed Canadians.

According to State of the Unions, over 80 per cent of current or previously unionized Canadians and 83 per cent of all working Canadians want union leaders to follow the example set in other nations, where, LabourWatch president John Mortimer points out, "Public disclosure helps expose corruption. Union leaders have been jailed and monies recovered. Closer to home, the stories from Quebec's Charbonneau Commission underscore the need for comprehensive disclosure legislation."

State of the Unions also reveals that both 84 per cent of employed Canadians and 86 per cent of unionized Canadians support secret ballot votes for forming or removing unions. "But union leaders want to keep or bring back antiquated card-based unionization rather than have unions face a ballot box," says Mortimer.

The LabourWatch president adds, "Leger's findings clearly demonstrate that union leaders are not only behind the times when it comes to the values of Canadians – they are also out of step with their own Membership." LabourWatch commissioned Leger to measure Canadians' opinion on the following topics: financial disclosure, union dues uses, secret ballot voting, entitlement to information, interest in unionization, and union relevance.

For an interview request or more information contact John Mortimer, LabourWatch President at 1.604.721.0133 or john@labourwatch.com. Click [here](#) for the complete Leger Report.

Between July 29th and August 18th, 2013, Leger conducted a random representative telephone survey of 1,400 English or French speaking employed Canadians, 18 years of age or older.

The Canadian LabourWatch Association is a federally-incorporated, non-profit organization. We believe that individual Employees are key labour relations stakeholders who should be able to make informed choices about unionization.