



A Great Victory for Workers

(TORONTO, May 11, 2009) The National Citizens Coalition (NCC) was thrilled to see that the Supreme Court denied leave to appeal by the Public Service Alliance of Canada union (PSAC). Two brave freedom fighters, April Luberti and Jeff Birch, had exercised their right to work during the PSAC union strike in 2004 and were unjustifiably fined and ostracized. The union levied fines against unionized workers they represent in their own makeshift court. PSAC then sued to collect those fines.

“The NCC has been, and will continue to be, a strong voice against unfair union tactics and I am happy to see this monumental good news.” says Peter Coleman, President and CEO of the NCC. “Jeff and April had the courage to fight back against illegal union tactics with the help of lawyer John Craig at Heenan Blaikie”.

In November 2007 an Ontario Court ruled in favour of April and Luberti, calling the fines “extremely onerous” and “unconscionable in the circumstances” and then issued an order preventing any Ontario court from collecting union fines. NCC members across the country supported Jeff and April by financially contributing to the huge financial burden the lawsuit entailed.

“They were ostracized at work and were very concerned about the potential legal costs that they were facing,” Coleman adds, “and we were glad to extend their story to our members. Along with LabourWatch we are glad that we were on the right side of a legal decision that will have far reaching implications for decades to come.

This is a great victory for Jeff and April on behalf of hard working Canadians who just want to do their jobs. It was also a great victory for the National Citizens Coalition and our members who fought the good fight by helping out with the costly fight that Jeff and April had to wage.

The National Citizens Coalition is Canada’s largest organization that stands for the defence and promotion of free enterprise, free speech and government that is accountable to taxpayers. Founded in 1967, the NCC continues to fight for more freedom through less government. For more information about the NCC visit us on line at www.nationalcitizens.ca

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