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**TO: AFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AFFILIATED UNIONS,
LABOUR COUNCILS AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Re: Call for people to sit on AFL Working Groups and Committees

I'm writing to ask for names of people from your union to sit on AFL Working Groups and Committees. At our recent Executive Committee Retreat, we decided to establish a number of AFL Working Groups whose job it will be to develop clear "policy asks" that can be presented to the government on behalf of the labour movement.

In some cases, the Working Groups will focus exclusively on developing concrete and detailed proposals for legislative and regulatory change. Fleshing out the details of our "policy asks" is imperative because we've never had a government that's so receptive to our ideas and suggestions!

In other cases, the Working Groups will create plans for public education and advocacy campaigns, in addition to mapping out specific proposals for policy reform.

This is based on one of the AFL's core operating philosophies – adopted by the AFL Executive Committee – that it is sometimes necessary to popularize policy proposals with the public before we can ask the government to take action on those proposals.

AFL Working Groups

Five Working Groups have been established. For each Working Group, we're looking for activists, leaders or staff people who have the interest and expertise necessary to help flesh-out detailed policy asks and, where appropriate, help design public education and advocacy campaigns.

Each Working Group will be supported by AFL staff people and issue experts contracted by the AFL and/or affiliate unions.

The five Working Groups are listed below, along with a brief description of their mandates.