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Report on political action committee

On August 10<sup>th</sup> I was fortunate to be invited to a meeting with Christina Gray, Alberta's labour Minister who is on an Alberta summer tour to listen to shareholders on labour issues

There were a number of unions represented at the meeting including AUPE, UFCW, AFL, BTA, CDLC, and of course UNIFOR

Some of the issues that were brought forth to the minister were

- Making labour organizing easier in Alberta
- Education in schools on labour rights
- Making companies more accountable when it comes to labour laws
- More protection for TFW's

The minister listened intently to all the concerns but also cautioned that changing laws takes time, and the general feeling was that if the government could put more teeth into the existing labour laws that it would be a good start.

It was also noted that the minister is the first Labour Minister in Alberta history to meet with unions to get their opinion going forward.

I felt the meeting was very productive, informative, and a wonderful learning experience

This concludes my report for the Political Action Committee

Steve Heatherington

Union in Politics' chair