

ALERT

To all BCGEU members
Please post and distribute
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TILMA is not an April Fools' Day joke

The Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) between the British Columbia and Alberta governments comes into effect on April 1, 2007.

Never heard of TILMA? Most British Columbians haven't. We weren't asked about it and we weren't told about it until it was a done deal.

TILMA is a far ranging agreement that will have profound effects on our jobs and our communities.

It allows investors or businesses to challenge legislation, regulations or bylaws enacted by democratically elected provincial, municipal and regional governments. It strips power from municipalities, school boards, publicly-funded academic, health and social service bodies. It transfers power to investors and businesses who decide a regulation hinders their ability to make money.

There needs to be full public debate and consultation before anything so sweeping is adopted.

Beginning Friday, March 30, citizens in communities across BC will visit their MLAs and demand that the BC government withdraw from TILMA.

Actions are planned in: Coquitlam, Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Vancouver (3 ridings), Courtenay, Comox, Kamloops, Campbell River, Kelowna, New Westminster, Surrey, Cowichan and Victoria.

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