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VIGIL AT QUEEN'S PARK
INJURED WORKERS WANT AN END TO POVERTY

12 noon to 2 PM
Monday March 19th, 2007
Queen's Park, Toronto – Front doors

Workers who have been permanently disabled as the result of a workplace injury or disease are falling further into poverty while MPPs give themselves a 25% raise. A delegation of these injured workers from across Ontario will be holding a vigil to call attention to this disgrace. A special T-shirt made for the occasion will be unveiled.

"Why is it that some of the most vulnerable citizens of Ontario are overlooked while those who have control of the purse strings are benefiting?" asks Steve Mantis of the Ontario Network of Injured Workers Groups. "The failure to properly adjust pensions and wage loss benefits for inflation means injured workers like me have lost more than 20% in the past 10 years. That's just not fair."

ONIWG President Peter Page says "We want to see an Ontario that deals equitably with all its citizens." A 2005 research report by Street Health surveyed homeless people in Toronto and found that workplace injuries played a role in becoming disabled for 57% of working participants. "We're going to Queen's Park on March 19th because injured and disabled workers want the people of Ontario, and especially the government elected by those people, to face the injured workers they are throwing on the garbage pile" says Page.

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