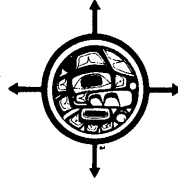


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**Union of BC Indian Chiefs Rallies to the Support of the Hospital Employees Union**

(Coast Salish Territory/Vancouver, April 30, 2004) "The Union of BC Indian Chiefs is deeply honoured to offer its complete support to the Hospital Employees Union in their fight to protect the long-term wellbeing of the health care system for all British Columbians," stated Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

"The HEU is a dynamic reflection of the great diversity of cultures within BC. Many of HEU's members are Aboriginal. It is in this light that we offer our solidarity to all health care workers who are being compelled to protect their hard-earned gains in pay equity from the brutish and vicious attack of Gordon Campbell's Bill 37."

As First Nations people we are very familiar with the heavy-handed tactics of the Campbell Government from the days of the racist referendum to the recent deceitful discussions of the BC Rail Deal.

Chief Stewart Phillip concluded, "We are carefully considering what options and opportunities we may pursue to demonstrate our solidarity."

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