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## Harper's "Cheap Labour" Agenda: Unemployed Workers and Migrant Workers Targeted

TORONTO, ON—Drastic changes have been made to Employment Insurance (EI) and the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP). In particular, unemployed workers and migrant workers will be forced into lower wages. These aggressive measures are part of an ongoing "cheap labour" agenda from the Harper government – a race to the bottom where workers continue to be squeezed more and more.

"The economic crisis has left working people more vulnerable than ever and these changes will make things worse," said Winnie Ng, co-chair of the Good Jobs for All labour-community coalition.

The coalition has launched a new campaign to fight these regressive measures. "We want Parliament to fix EI by improving eligibility and increasing duration of benefits, and stop letting employers get away with taking advantage of migrant workers," said Ng.



June 22, 2012: Activists from unions and community organizations at an EI Action Training



June 27, 2012: Good Jobs for All information picket outside Service Canada at 25 St. Clair East

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