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Statement on the invasion of Ukraine

IATSE 891 joins those around the world standing in solidarity with the sovereign nation of Ukraine. The horror and unjust bloodshed perpetrated against the people of Ukraine by the Russian state is unwarranted and must stop. We stand with the people and organizations ready to support Ukraine and its citizens.

Acts of war that result in the killing of innocent civilians contravene international law and cannot be condoned. As those most vulnerable face the impacts of this crisis, Canada must stand ready to provide what support we can to those displaced and forced from their homes and country by the Russian regime's brutal, horrific, and deadly moves.

As part of Canada's labour movement we acknowledge the pain and upheaval families and friends are going through right now. Our country has the largest population of Ukrainians living outside of Ukraine and Russia, with an approximated 1.4 million Ukrainians calling Canada home. Look out for friends, family, and colleagues who may be struggling right now to deal with the challenges and emotions this situation brings.

Our Union provides mental health supports to all members and their families through the FSEAP service (call 1-800-667-0993 or go to www.fseap.bc.ca). If you can, we urge you to show your support by donating to the [Red Cross and Red Crescent's humanitarian appeal](#), the Canadian Federal Government is matching donations. Rainbow Railroad has also worked to protect members of the LGBTQIA+ communities in Ukraine and across the globe. You can assist them [here](#). The Ukrainian Canadian Congress, meanwhile, has also launched a Stand With Ukraine campaign, urging Canadians to write to their local Member of Parliament demanding action from Canada, which you can learn more about [here](#).

In solidarity,

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