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The Canadian Office & Professional Employees Union, Local 343, is offering solidarity and support to the people of the Wet'suwet'en Nation in British Columbia.

COPE 343 unequivocally condemns the use of RCMP and military forces to remove Wet'suwet'em activists who are defending their land. The arrests that have already taken place severely undermine British Columbia and Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples and both settler government's commitment to honour the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Our members stand with the Wet'suwet'em hereditary chiefs and the Unist'ot'en/Giltseyu-Dark House in demanding that provincial and federal governments revoke the permits for this project until the standards of free, prior, and informed consent are met.

COPE Local 343 members remain committed to supporting the full implementation of the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the recommendations of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we are concerned that police action has been used to suppress the rights of both peaceful protesters and the media.

We stand with the people of the Wet'suwet'en Nation and call upon the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to immediately rectify their actions and engage in a true process of nation-to-nation discussions as both have committed to do.

In Solidarity,

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