



## Early reviews of *Unions Matter*

*"This important book explains why the business attack on unions is so fierce: because unions have been effective in protecting the rights of working people. Written by some of Canada's leading thinkers, this powerful collection of essays reminds us that unions not only brought us the weekend, but just about everything else that makes our lives livable today."*

- Linda McQuaig, Author and journalist

*"Unions Matter explains why robust and inclusive unions are essential for achieving equality, democracy, and justice in work and society in Canada.*

*Written in a lively and accessible style, this collection of essays by unionists, lawyers, and academics makes a compelling case for the need to recognize labour rights as human rights and to develop laws and policies that put these rights to work. If you care about work and equality in Canada today you should read this book."*

- Judy Fudge, professor, Kent Law School, UK

*"Unions Matter is a timely counterpoint to a divisive political narrative aimed at weakening the labour movement in Canada. Whether the purpose of unions is to protect human rights or to reduce income inequality, this book is testament to why unions matter. It's a great resource showcasing stellar research. Unions Matter is a vital contribution to Canadian democracy, in which unions play a key role."*

- Trish Hennessy, director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' Ontario office

*"Unions Matter! The Harper government has launched an all-out assault on working people and their collective rights. This powerful book reminds us that unions have fought for every basic right we enjoy as Canadians and of the debt we all owe them. It made me angry and more determined than ever to stop the travesty of this agenda."*

- Maude Barlow, National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians.

*"Why are one in three workers in Canada union members? And what does the labour movement do for the rest of us and for Canadian society in general? Unions Matter is an informative handbook for anyone interested in finding out why unions matter to our quality of life and our future. Buy one copy, buy many, and spread the word."*

- Elaine Bernard, Executive Director, Labor & Worklife Program, Harvard Law School