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Operating Engineers Union Believes Harper's Campaign Call Will Backfire

OTTAWA—The following statement was issued today by the International Union of Operating Engineers following Prime Minister Harper's decision to call an 11-week campaign:

“Once again, the Harper Conservatives have thumbed their nose at the working people of Canada,” said Michael Gallagher, IUOE Canadian Conference Chairperson and Ontario-based Local 793 Business Manager. “They have rigged the system and will spend tens of millions in taxpayer money in an attempt to drown out the voices of working families who are suffering in the Harper economy. But weeks of negative ads can't change the years of failed policies under the Conservatives. It's time for a change.”

From Washington, DC, General President James T. Callahan said, “Stephen Harper is employing the worst of U.S.-style campaign tactics. Canadians must brace themselves for eleven weeks of half-truths and double-speak. Members of the Operating Engineers—the men and women who build and maintain Canada every day—are ready to change the government. No amount of attack ads can paper over the Conservatives' failed record.”

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The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) is a progressive, diversified trade union that primarily represents operating engineers who work as heavy equipment operators, mechanics, and surveyors in the construction industry, and stationary engineers, who work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes, as well as a number of job classifications in the petrochemical industry.