

**Media Advisory:**

**A Day's Work documentary Canadian Premiere on June 1, Ontario Injured Workers Day**

**TORONTO, May 27 , 2016** – Executive Producer Dave DeSario will be joined by injured workers and temp agency workers for the Canadian premiere of the award-winning documentary **A Day's Work** on June 1 Injured Workers Day to draw attention to Ontario's outdated labour laws that leave temporary agency workers without adequate protection.

Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Place, Toronto

[A Day's Work](#) captures the harsh working conditions experienced by temp agency workers, who are particularly vulnerable to health and safety risks because temp agencies and companies that use them are not jointly held responsible for workplace injuries and many other labour standards. Health and safety risks are not the only challenges that temp agency workers face. In a 2015 Ontario Ministry of Labour proactive inspection blitz, 75% of the inspected temp agencies were found to be in violation of labour laws.

Other issues that temp workers face include being paid less than their directly hired co-workers who do the same job, while gaining fewer or no benefits. Workers can be hired through temporary agencies by the same client company for years on end as perma-tmps which is allowed under current labour laws. In fact, when companies do want to hire temp workers directly within the first six months of their employment, agencies are allowed to charge a conversion fee which becomes a barrier to accessing permanent work. In Toronto alone, there were more than 340,000 workers who held a temp agency job in 2014.

The documentary tells the story of 21-year-old Day Davis who was killed on his first day of work as a temp agency worker. Executive Producer Dave DeSario will host a Q&A following the screening together with temp workers and injured workers who'll be speaking about their experiences and the need for stronger labour laws.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour has been conducting a comprehensive review of the *Employment Standards Act* and *Labour Relations Act* since 2015. The first report of the Changing Workplaces Review is expected soon. Community and labour advocates are calling for sweeping labour law reforms including increased regulation of temporary agencies, equal pay for equal work and stronger enforcement of employment laws.

**To arrange an interview with Executive Producer Dave DeSario**, who is also a founding member of the Alliance for the American Temporary Workforce, please contact:

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