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On April 16, 2009, Bell Canada announced that they were closing some office locations and moving their operations out of the reach of our members. The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) is concerned about this unfortunate turn of events and the continued decimation of Canadian jobs.

"This current Bell Canada announcement affects approximately 382 of our members and their families", says Barb Dolan, CEP Administrative Vice President, Ontario Region.

"We continue to see companies such as Bell Canada willing to move work anywhere including out of the country to protect their bottom line and we feel it's time the Canadian government at all levels take responsibility and do something about it". It is their constituents and their families that suffer in the end".

The office closures and work consolidation affects offices in London, Hamilton, Mississauga, Scarborough and Ottawa in Ontario.

"We see an increase in the willingness of Canadian companies to move work out of province and offshore as union busting. This will allow them to destroy the rights of Canadian workers little by little. If all levels of government get together and do something about the leakage of Canadian jobs in the Telecommunications sector and beyond, we may just start seeing a turn around in the Canadian economy", says Dolan.

CEP is one of Canada's largest unions, representing workers from coast to coast in pulp and paper mills, telephone companies, oil, gas, chemical and mining industries. We are printers, journalists, radio and TV broadcasters, graphic artists, hotel workers, IT workers, truck drivers – you name it, CEP members do it.

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