

APPEAL TO ALL CONCERNING THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRIBUNAL (SST)

Mouvement Action-Chômage de Montréal (MAC) calls on citizens, advocacy groups for the unemployed, labour organizations and various representatives of appellants from all over Canada **to send in copies of the unemployment (employment) insurance decisions** handed down by the new tribunal created by the conservative government that became operational in April 2013.

We are making this appeal because, to this day and contrary to practice in most Canadian tribunals, the Social Security Tribunal (SST) does not publish its decisions.

We have been told that some decisions will eventually be selected to be published, but the Tribunal has given no details on when or how it will be released.

This practice is unethical as well as contravenes the proper administration of justice. This decision sets out a dangerous precedent that could have unforeseen repercussions in other areas of law, whether administrative or otherwise.

The failure to publish all SST decisions—in particular those from the appeal division—creates an imbalance as the Employment Insurance Commission is a party in all disputes heard by the tribunal and therefore has access to the entirety of case law.

In an effort to address this inequity, the MAC de Montréal has set out to create its own database of jurisprudence. We will provide access to SST decisions in a format that has yet to be determined and will be announced in the near future. We will continue to do this systematically until such time as the SST publishes all of the decisions rendered by the Tribunal.

There are three ways to send in your decisions:

By email:

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By mail:

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Please note that MAC of Montréal will take all necessary measures to assure confidentiality is respected for the parties involved.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Le Mouvement Action-Chômage de Montréal
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