

Chained together for better care!



On Wednesday, November 11, hundreds of delegates of the Federation left the Quebec City Convention Centre where they were meeting in a Special Federal Council, in order to go to the Price building, the official residence of Premier Couillard.

During this flash demonstration, some of them chained themselves to the front door of the building in order to denounce the latest

management offers, tabled a few days earlier. They wanted to symbolize the Couillard Government's repeated obstacles to an offer of safe, quality care.

"It has now been a year since our solutions for the health network were filed. It is high time that we reach an agreement!", stated the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, adding that other impressive outings are coming in the weeks to come.



Have you signed?



Have you signed and shared the petition of the comedian, Marie-Thérèse Fortin on your networks which supports the fight being waged by the healthcare professionals for working conditions on a human scale? To do this, go to her Facebook page: *La santé ça touche le monde*, or to the <https://www.change.org> site entering the same title.



Mobilization in Abitibi-Témiscamingue

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 was a day of mobilization in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, when the president of the FIQ was in the region.

In the morning, about a hundred members of the Federation demonstrated in front of the *CHSLD d'Amos* to denounce the cutbacks imposed by their healthcare institution.



In the afternoon, almost 200 healthcare professionals went to the office of Minister Luc Blanchette, in Rouyn-Noranda, to file 1,600 grievances denouncing the pitiful working conditions in which they must struggle every day to be able to provide safe, quality care to the population in Abitibi-Témiscamingue. However, the officials in the office refused to open the door to the president of the Federation.

"We want to make the population, but also the employers, aware, with this day of demonstration, so that they see and hear our demands. We also wanted the MNA's to be informed. They are a part of everything that is happening", stated Ms Laurent.

The duty to argue!

On November 11 last, Régine Laurent took part in a debate, organized by the *Le Devoir* newspaper and hosted by its columnist, Antoine Robitaille, under the theme of "The duty to argue - Do we need to rethink unionism in Québec?" Among the guests were also Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, Martine Hébert



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from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business and Mr. Guy-François Lamy from the *Conseil du patronat du Québec*, who also had the opportunity to answer the question: Does the institutionalization of the labour movement harm the development of Québec society?

This debate will be aired on *Canal Savoir*:

- Monday, December 7, 2015, at 7 pm
- Friday, December 11, 2015, at 9 pm
- Saturday, December 12, 2015, at 12 noon
- Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 8 pm
- Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 12 noon