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Dear Executive Director Prescod,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Carleton University Academic Staff Association (CUASA), the certified trade union representing over 950 professors, instructors, and librarians at Carleton University. We write to express our solidarity with the striking OPSEU/SEFPO Local 5117 workers. These heroes of the community, many of whom are racialized women, deserve the fullest pay increase permitted under Bill 124 as well as support with bereavement days for both full-time and part-time employees. This should be an open and shut case, especially considering that these workers have been selflessly serving a community that was hit especially hard by the pandemic. This is no time to be playing hardball. Bill 124 already restricts the wage increases these heroes ought to see; to know that you think they ought to be pinched even further offends all sensibility. We all know that there is room to meet the meagre wage increases the workers rightfully expect and demand. We ask that you immediately meet these demands so that these pillars of our community can get back to work with at least some measure of the respect and gratitude we all owe them.

Sincerely,



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