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Dear John,

I write to offer you the support of the CEPU Communications Division in Australia in your collective agreement campaign at Canada Post. The union that I lead is the principal union representing employees in Australia Post where it 20,000 members.

Our experience in attempting to negotiate a collective agreement with Australia Post provides an insight into the difficulties the PSAC has encountered in seeking to obtain a reasonable outcome for its members working at Canada Post. Our negotiations remain at an impasse after 2 years of negotiations.

Misleading statements by employers about collective agreement negotiations are far too common in wage negotiations. Likewise the importance of resisting employer attempts to reduce sick leave and family leave provisions are understood by unionists around the world.

We commend you on the organising efforts by the PSAC in obtaining an 88 percent vote by members at Canada Post in favour of strike action. With this level of membership support it places you in a strong position to achieve the outcomes in the collective agreement that yours members are seeking.

Once again I offer the best wishes on behalf of the CEPU to you and your staff and all PSAC members at Canada Post in their efforts to achieve a new collective agreement.

Yours fraternally,



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