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**Dear Friends** 

On behalf of the 1200 members of CUPE 3909, representing student and sessional

academic workers of at the University of Manitoba, we send you a message of support

in your battle for a fair collective agreement that meets the needs and aspirations of

your membership.

The fact that you have been forced to strike and that the strike continues, speaks to the

determination of the University to block any of the Union's attempts to realize the

important and just goals of your members. The austerity measures facing universities

and students across the nation deny student workers appropriate funding and are

responsible for the continued erosion of the quality of postsecondary education.

CUPE 3909 appreciates your efforts to bring these matters to the fore. Your actions are

in the best long-term interests of not only your members but all current and future

students. The neo liberal assault on university academic workers, students, and

education itself must be stopped.

If there is anything that you need, please let us know. Your struggle is our struggle and

we stand with you.

In Solidarity,

The Executive Board of CUPE Local 3909