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Dear CUPE 2424 members,

On behalf of the CUPE 3906 executive – which represents roughly 3,000 Teaching Assistants, Sessional Faculty, Hourly-Rated Sessional Music Faculty, and Post-Doctoral Fellows at McMaster University – we wish to express our support and solidarity for your brave decision to engage in strike action at Carleton University to defend your members' pensions and dignity in retirement.

As post-secondary workers ourselves, we are all too familiar with the approach that employers are taking at the bargaining table. This is true for both contractual employees and full-time employees, both academic and support staff. It is alarming to us that neoliberal universities are increasingly attacking the retirement security of members that unions have long struggled to achieve. As a local who represents primarily young workers who do not have access to a workplace pension, we find your defense of quality pensions for workers to be an inspiration.

We stand with you in solidarity. At our upcoming executive meeting, we will be bringing forward a motion for a donation to your strike fund. Please feel free to let us know how we can help in showing solidarity via social media or on campus. We urge you to stand strong as you continue fighting for these key rights.

In Solidarity,

Angie Perez  
President, CUPE Local 3906