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MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE AND
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OF ONTARIO

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Faiz Ahmed, Chairperson
CUPE 3903

RE: Solidarity with CUPE 3903 Striking Workers

Dear Faiz Ahmed and members of the CUPE 3903;

I am writing on behalf of the 12,000 members of AMAPCEO (the Association of Management, Administrative and Professional Crown Employees of Ontario) to extend our solidarity to CUPE 3903, and to all of your striking members (contract faculty, teaching assistants, graduate assistants, and research assistants) who are taking action to assert their rights at both York University campuses.

AMAPCEO represents public servants who work directly for the Ontario government and within the broader public sector. Having bargained with our central Employer - the government - as recently as 6 months ago, we know all too well the unfairness of the current climate of labour relations in this province. We have also seen how this government, like public sector employers across the country, continues to pursue a privatization agenda and increasingly relies on precarious workers to deliver public services.

The members of CUPE 3903, like AMAPCEO members, make a difference in the lives of students and the public every day. It's time your Employer recognize that precarious contract labour is no way to build a quality learning environment, deliver public services, or build a fairer economy.

Like your members and contract faculty across the university sector, AMAPCEO has faced an increase in the reliance on short-term, temporary contracts in recent years. As labour unions, we must work together to combat the increase in unstable, precarious work and privatization, and advocate for good paying, stable jobs.

AMAPCEO supports your members' actions to secure a fair contract that takes action against the normalization of precarious contract teaching and in defending accessibility to publicly funded services like universities and colleges.

On behalf of our members, I offer the Association's support in your mobilization efforts. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to assist you and the members of CUPE 3903 in achieving a fair deal.

In solidarity,



Dave Bulmer, President