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Mayor Eddie Francis, c/o Mayor's Office
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Dear Mayor Francis:

I am writing to you on behalf of the 56,000 members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. I am urging you to take immediate steps to arrive at a fair and decent settlement with CUPE 82 and 543. I understand that CUPE's negotiating team has offered to return to work immediately, if the city will agree to binding arbitration, and has made significant moves on the question of post-retirement benefits.

Instead of taking this opportunity to end the strike, you are continuing to push for even deeper concessions. This is unacceptable.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers does not understand why your local government is standing firm on proposals that will not save the municipality money in the short term. We are wondering why are you not willing to consider the cost saving initiatives CUPE has been bringing forward?

It's time to end this strike and to treat your workforce with respect.

Yours truly,

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