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Dear Brother Moist,

On behalf of Secretary-Treasurer Paul Faoro, CUPE BC's entire Executive Board, and all 85,000 CUPE members in British Columbia, I write to congratulate you on your decision to retire after 12 years of exemplary leadership of our great union.

You have guided our union through more than 10 years of hostile federal government, and your unwavering emphasis on the importance of political action - and supporting the New Democratic Party - has helped put Tom Mulcair and the NDP on the verge of forming a federal government for the first time.

Our union is a better place for you having led it. You have worked tirelessly to ensure that the finances of CUPE across the country are strong, with our National Strike Fund growing from \$13 million to more than \$80 million today. And in B.C. we've seen your passionate support of CUPE members on the picket line time and time again. Your leadership has paved the way for greater participation of members of equity-seeking groups in our union. Under your leadership our union has grown by 100,000 new members.

Not only have you been a great leader within CUPE, you have served as a leader in the broader labour movement, and enhanced CUPE's standing, both in Canada and internationally. You have also forged closer partnerships and strong relationships with a wide range of social justice groups, including the Council of Canadians, the Canada Health Coalition and the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

On a personal note, Brother, I want to thank you for your solidarity and friendship. I have learned much from you. Your dedication and commitment to our movement is second to none, and whoever succeeds you as President will have exceptionally large shoes to fill!

We look forward to celebrating your career at National Convention next month in Vancouver.

In solidarity,



Mark Hancock
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