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Sisters and Brothers,

The struggle continues!!!!

I want to start off by saying how proud we all are of your commitment to stand up for what is right and just. I was overwhelmed by your solidarity in my recent visit to your picket lines. I spoke to many of you and what I came away with was the passion that you all have for what you do.

However, I also understand the hardship that such a stand has on you as workers and your families. As I told many of you, your struggle is our struggle; your strength is our strength. This will not be broken as a result of the lack of resources your members face in their day to day lives. As I committed to you on my visit, this is a dispute that has spread to CUPE BC's 85,000 members throughout the province and they are asking what they can do to help you maintain your struggle for justice. I am currently contacting locals and making suggestions on what they can do to assist you. It will take a few days to coordinate this, but in the interim I have enclosed a cheque for \$13,000 to get you through the next period of time.

In closing, as I have stated earlier, we are very proud of the stand you are taking. It is the right decision. We will never allow a small number of bullies to take away from workers what they have achieved over the years; it is not on today nor tomorrow or any time in the future.

Stay strong, brothers and sisters. We are with you!

In Solidarity,

Barry O'Neill  
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