



Public Service Alliance of Canada, Local 901

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Union of Graduate Student Workers
PSAC Local 60550
at the University of New Brunswick

Dear UGSW,

We, your fellow academic workers and PSAC members, write to extend our solidarity to you as you fight for a fair contract. We represent 1600 graduate teaching assistants, teaching fellows, and postdoctoral scholars at Queen's University, and our members face the same issues that you do: precarious work, high tuition fees (or student debt), workplace harassment, and attempts to undermine our academic freedom. A strong collective agreement is an important tool for combatting these issues, and we salute you in taking a strong stand by rejecting the employer's final offer.

We call on the University of New Brunswick to listen to your members and agree to a fair contract in the provincial mediation meetings. If the administration is serious about maintaining high-quality research and teaching at UNB, they should show it by paying you, their front-line employees, a fair wage.

Please circulate this letter as you see fit.

In solidarity,

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