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Dear PSAC 901 Postdocs at Queen's University,

UAW Local 5810 – representing 7,000 Postdocs at the University of California and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab – extends solidarity in your fight for a fair contract.

Many of the same issues you are facing we also faced in our fights to win contracts in 2010, 2015, and this year. By organizing, including a majority of Postdocs voting this year to authorize an Unfair Labor Practices strike, we have been able to win higher pay and benefits, policies that promote gender equity in academia – such as paid parental leave and protections against sexual harassment – as well as improved job security and professional development support.

We find it outrageous that Queen's University refuses to recognize the value that postdocs bring to research and fails to see how better working conditions for postdocs lead to better research outcomes.

Your struggle is very important as the more postdocs that organize unions and fight back, the more that conditions for postdocs and other early-career researchers will improve.

When we fight, we win.

In Solidarity,

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