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Dear PSAC local 555 and Support Staff at University of Ontario Institute of Technology,

PSAC local 901 represents more than 1900 Teaching Assistants, Teaching Fellows, Postdoctoral Scholars and Research Assistants at Queen's University. On behalf of PSAC local 901, I write to express our solidarity and support for PSAC local 555 in their fight to organize the Support Staff at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).

Support Staff members are a vital component of any academic institution, representing the university and supporting students, faculty and other staff on a daily basis. Students, teaching assistants, and Faculty at UOIT realize that these staff members are crucial in upholding the high standards set by UOIT, yet the University continues to delay their efforts to negotiate their terms and conditions of employment: Wages, job levels/steps, concessions on their benefits, pensions, maternity & parental leave, hours of work and scheduling.

PSAC local 901 finds it outrageous that UOIT fails to recognize the value and contribution their Support Staff. We urge the University of Ontario Institute of Technology to cease delaying the unionization process, and allow Support Staff to exercise their right to fair bargaining, a fair collective agreement and a say in the terms and conditions of employment and to treat them with the dignity they deserve.

In solidarity,

Craig Berggold  
President  
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