

STEELWORKERS STAND WITH GRADUATE WORKERS

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To Queen's University Administration,

Workers in USW Local 2010 – including support staff, academic assistants, and residence dons – stand firmly behind our colleagues in PSAC-901 as they exercise their right to strike for fair, dignified contracts.

We know that our PSAC colleagues are critical to academic and research excellence at Queen's University. Despite the vital role they play in supporting student learning, graduate workers have not seen meaningful gains in their employment and funding packages in far too long. This stagnant compensation cannot continue, especially as the cost-of-living soars.

Steelworkers stand in solidarity with PSAC-901 in their fight for fair wages and a minimum standard of dignified living. We urge Queen's to come to the negotiating table with a fair offer - one that recognizes the value of graduate workers and treats them with the respect they deserve.

USW 2010 firmly believes that union solidarity is essential to protecting workers' rights. We reject any attempt by Queen's administration to pressure our members into performing scab labour while our colleagues are on the picket line. These tactics undermine good-faith bargaining, and we have strongly encouraged all Steelworkers to stand united and refuse scab labour in any form.

PSAC-901 - Steelworkers stand with you.

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