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BCGEU

Dear Brother Fryer:

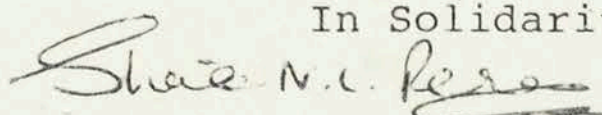
The Provincial Association of University and College Employees is sponsoring a public meeting to rally support for the defense of the SFU 18, who were arrested on the AUCE #2 picket line this past March. We are writing to invite you to address the meeting, or to send a representative who will speak to the theme of 'Why the Charges Should Be Dropped.' The meeting will be held at the Fishermen's Hall on the evening of October 26th.

Other invited speakers will represent the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union, International Woodworkers of America and the Canadian Union of Public Employees. Continued support from BCGEU as well as the above-mentioned unions is encouraging the SFU 18 and is having the desired effect: charges against one person have been dropped; one other, [REDACTED], was, as you know, convicted on the charge of blocking a highway and fined \$250. His second charge, 'obstructing a police officer' was dismissed. Further, a stay of proceedings has been instituted on the charges against 3 of the others arrested. From the latest action of the part of the Crown, it seems obvious that there is no case against these people and that there was no basis for their initial arrest. We hope you may be able to find time in your busy schedule to address this meeting; we appreciate the fact that negotiations are keeping you extremely busy.

Would it be possible for you to let us know within the next week whether or not you will be able to attend or send a representative?

In Solidarity,

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/Sheila N.L. Perret

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