

AUCE PROVINCIAL

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Dear Sisters:

I have been asked by the Executive of the Provincial Association of University and College (AUCE Provincial) to convey to you our support for your defense committee and your struggle to be re-hired by Pratt and Whitney.

The Executive unanimously passed a motion of support for your grievance against the company. We are also disturbed at the level of involvement of the RCMP, having passed resolutions at our annual Conventions condemning what we consider to be illegal activities of the RCMP.

It is appalling that the Quebec Human Rights Commission recommendations about your reinstatement, with full back pay and damages, have not been implemented by Pratt. We find your subsequent dismissal from similar jobs at another company an obvious example of harrassment, and as you say, 'a direct attack against women's rights to jobs, especially non-traditional, industrial jobs'. It seems quite apparent that the company is on a concerted campaign to bust the union.

We support your efforts and unfortunately cannot, at this time afford financial support, having just come out of a week-long strike, which the BC Labour Relations Board has declared illegal; we are appealing a cease and desist order and an order to return to work, so we are rather short of funds because of that local's situation. Nonetheless, we encourage you in your fight against discrimination on the job.

Please feel free to use 'AUCE PROVINCIAL' on your literature, as a supporter of your campaign. We are an independent union of 2700 members; most of whom are women working in clerical, technical, library and teaching assistant jobs at the B.C Colleges and Universitites - we are therefore most interested in your struggle as a struggle for working women.

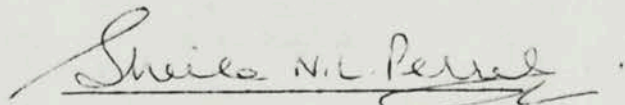
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We have informed our members of the issues at stake and we would appreciate it if you could send us any bulletins and other information you will be publishing during the course of the rest of your campaign.

We wish you good luck in your demands.

In Solidarity,



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