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To the Steering Committee:

AUCE Local 1 recognizes that limited trade union gains were won
through the settlement of the recent escalating job action. It's
a relief to see Bill 2 withdrawn, and Bill 3 considerably emascu-
lated. Hovever, we don't feel that that settlement went far
enough, since we still have to contend with the full force of
Bills 11 and 26.

In addition to this, we were very unhappy with the virtual lack
of settlement on other than trade union issues. Another promise
of consultation, with no mechanismn established for that consul-
tation, is as good as no settlement at all. Our actions were
taken not only in opposition to the anti-union legislation, but
in opposition to legislation concerning human rights, renter's
rights, cuts in social services, and cuts in education. This
last item concerns us in particular, as AUCE represents workers
employed by an educational institution. While we were dismayed
by the agreement on elementary and secondary education budget
cuts, which turned the teacher's protest into three days leave
of absence without pay, similar to those imposed by the Ministry
last year, we were even more dismayed that the issue of post-
secondary education budget cuts was not addressed at all. These
cuts, and they are severe, are a blow not only to us as workers
in the post-secondary education sector but, more importantly,
a blow to the quality of education in this province. We hope
that whatever clout is left to the Solidarity movement will be
used to address these issues. We also hope that Operation
Solidarity will never again take the kind of unilateral action
it took in settling the protest, and that in future consultation
with the Solidarity Coalition will be given more than lip service.

Yours truly,

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cc. Solidarity Coalition