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Dear Sister Mathieson:

The Provincial Association of University and College Employees is sponsoring a public meeting to rally support for the defense of the 'SFU 18', the men and women who were arrested on the AUCE #2 picket line at Simon Fraser University in March of this year.

We are writing to invite you to address the meeting, or send a representative who will speak to the theme of 'Why the Charges Should Be Dropped'. The meeting will be in Vancouver on October 26. Other invited speakers will represent the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Retail Wholesale Department Store Union, International Woodworkers of America, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

To bring you up-to-date on the SFU 18 situation, charges against one person have been dropped; one other, [REDACTED], was convicted on the charge of blocking a highway and subsequently fined \$250 and a second charge - 'obstructing a police officer' was dismissed. Further, a stay of proceedings has been instituted in the charges against 3 of the others arrested. From the latest action on 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.

Support from the trade unions of B.C. and across Canada is having the desired effect. We hope you may find time in your busy

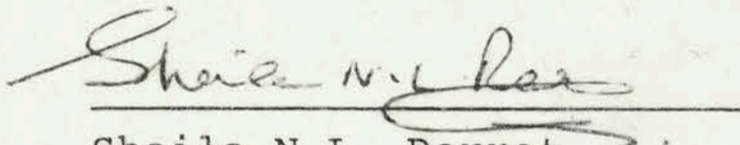
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schedule to meet with members of the AUCE Provincial Executive and the SFU 18. We appreciate the fact that negotiations have kept you extremely busy in recent months.

Would it be possible for you to let us know within the next week whether or not you will be able to address the public meeting?

We look forward to your reply.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheila N.L. Perret", is written over a horizontal line.

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