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Dear Union Sisters and Brothers and Community Friends,

On September 21, 2007, after 17 days on the picket lines, we called an end to our strike and forwarded the University's settlement offer to our members for a vote. We were not prepared to have our members endure further economic hardship in the face of the University administration's total intransigence and absolute disregard for the economic well-being of our members and their families.

Although anything short of economic justice we fought to achieve is a bitter pill to swallow, our strike created the energy and commitment necessary to continue our struggle. We intend to reverse the course of haves and have-nots that administrators have chartered for the University.

As we prepare to take our message to the Legislature and into our communities, we write to ask for your support.

At this time, our primary need is for contributions to the U Workers Support Fund.

The vast majority of our members live paycheck to paycheck. They earn, on average, an amount that qualifies a family of 4 for public assistance. It was an act of courage to strike. The economic well-being of our members is paramount as we move forward to continue our fight.

*Please send donations to:*

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Thank you for your continued support.