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To: All CUPE Locals & District Councils

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Re: Transit Strike

As I am sure you are all aware, CAW Local 111 & 2200 have been on strike in Vancouver for the past 8 weeks. This bitter dispute has been a result of an employer unwilling to negotiate key issues for bus drivers. To-date there has been no movement by the Employer, nor is there any indication of willingness to do so in the immediate future.

As a result of the CAW strike some of our CUPE members have been affected intermittently. CUPE Local 7000 has supported the striking drivers as their worksites were picketed on a number of occasions. We have been very proud of our members of Local 7000 who have at every turn, showed their solidarity for those striking members. Further, we have also had our members of local 4500 out behind picket lines since the first day of this dispute (56 days).

I cannot begin to tell you how highly these members are regarded in both our union and other unions in B.C. They have stood strong in solidarity with their sisters and brothers in the CAW and their will to support those workers has not diminished. They deserve our utmost thanks for being there when the going gets tough! I hope you will join me in congratulating them for their stand.

If you would like to show your personal support or support from your local or council, please forward to the BC Division office and we will make sure they receive it.

In Solidarity,

Barry O'Neill
President

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