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Dear Tufts Employee Association (TEA):

I am writing to offer you my congratulations and support for your ongoing efforts to form a union of clerical and technical staff at Tufts University. I have recently had a chance to learn about your organizing campaign, and I am very interested in your innovative approach to forming a successful union.

I believe that unions provide an important way for the working and middle class of our country to represent themselves in a number of ways. While the recent events in Wisconsin and other states across the United States are essentially partisan, we can all agree that unions provide their members with the ability to more actively participate in shaping their workplace and their country. While it is not my place to promote unionization or membership in union over another, I believe very strongly in participatory democracy, and I believe that union members can more fully address matters that are important to them both in their workplaces and in our political system. As the middle class and working class come under increasing stress and benefit from fewer social safety nets, I believe that unions will only become increasingly vital to the health of our employees, our workplaces, and our democracy.

As you proceed in your organizing, I wish you very good luck as you continue to build momentum. Please know that I wish to be kept current of any developments in your campaign, and that my office door is always open to you and your organization

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carlo Basile".

Carlo P. Basile
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