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Dean Michael Rosenblatt, M.D.
Tufts University School of Medicine
145 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Dean Rosenblatt:

I am writing with regards to the recent union organizing drive at Tufts University by the Tufts Employee Association (TEA). I have been approached by TEA organizers in recent weeks on behalf of the many constituents in my district and have committed to following their campaign over the coming months.

As a community activist, I admire the TEA's commitment to building a union through constructive honest organizing, and believe that they are a positive movement within my district. From what I know about Tufts as a thoughtful employer and important mission-driven institution, I believe that the union and the University can make excellent partners in the future.

It is the belief of TEA organizers in my district that anti-union efforts are being undertaken at Tufts, including in the School of Medicine and the rest of the Boston campus. I urge you to allow for a free, fair and open union drive in the School of Medicine, and hope that you encourage your peers across the University to do the same. As I suspect you appreciate, all workers deserve the right to decide whether or not to form a union in an informed and open fashion, free of hostility.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, as well as for your work on behalf of the medical care of all Massachusetts' residents. Please do not hesitate to contact me in my State House office at 617-722-1673, or you may also speak with my Chief of Staff, Jamie Hellen, at the same number.

Sincerely,

Sonia Chang-Díaz
Second Suffolk District

cc: President Lawrence Bacow, Tufts University