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Tufts Employee Association
15 Mount Auburn Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Tufts Employee Association (TEA),

I am writing to thank you for your efforts in organizing Tufts University. I recently had the chance to learn about your organizing efforts, and was very impressed by the emphasis that your organization puts on issues that are very important to me.

As I have learned, the TEA is a unique labor union because it emphasizes improving its members' lives with special attention paid to the issues and realities that face women in the service sector workplace. For example, instead of maintaining a rigid work environment, TEA will promote a workplace environment that has work time flexibility. This is important to women and men who may have families to care for or other obligations outside of the workplace, but is also important to employees who are attending school, recovering from an illness, or who otherwise know that work is only one facet of a person's life.

It is very important to note that in the modern workplace, workers' issues are family issues, and that labor unions such as the TEA have an important role to play in addressing them. I applaud TEA for recognizing this, keeping it central to their method of organizing and their motives for forming a union, and advancing their notion in a way that is good for the community.

I look forward to hearing more about your campaign, and invite you to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Dean Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Linda Dean Campbell
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