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Tufts Employee Association
15 Mount Auburn Street
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Dear Members of the Tufts Employee Association:

Congratulations on your recent progress towards organizing a union of clerical and technical staff at Tufts University. Organizing members from the Tufts Employee Association (TEA) recently visited my office to make me aware of this effort and I was impressed by their commitment to peaceful organizing.

It is my understanding that TEA is employing a unique approach to organizing, emphasizing partnership and collaboration with Tufts University. I commend TEAs commitment to maintaining a positive relationship with the University as it works to strengthen the Tufts community. From conversations with TEA organizers, it seems that this unique model is already working well at both Harvard University and UMass Memorial Hospital. It has been my experience that a collaborative relationship between employees and employers can be beneficial for the whole community and I hope that such a relationship will arise from this effort.

I look forward to hearing about your continued progress and wish you well in your future organizing efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stan Rosenberg".

Stan Rosenberg
State Senator
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