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Tufts Employee Association
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Dear Tufts Employee Association (TEA),

As a state representative and alumnus, I am writing in support of the recent progress made by TEA in its efforts to form a union of clerical and technical staff at Tuft University. I am proud of the work being done in my district, and wish TEA good luck in the months ahead.

Throughout my tenure as an elected official representing the communities neighboring Tufts, I have often had reason to cultivate a working relationship with my Alma mater on a variety of issues. I value my positive relationship with Tufts and will continue to work towards supporting the faculty, staff, and students. I believe that Tufts is a wonderful institution and is an asset to the broader community.

TEA is a valuable community organization, and I believe that the type of unionism that TEA exemplifies is at its heart a vehicle for increased civic engagement, self-representation and respect within a community. From what I have learned about TEA from following the organizing campaign for over a year, TEA has the potential to help make Tufts an even more vibrant presence in my district and other surrounding neighborhoods. I encourage TEA organizers and activists to continue with their good work, and call on Tufts to maintain a free, fair and open environment in which its employees can conduct their drive.

I have committed to staying informed about your exciting union organizing campaign at Tufts. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist your organization in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Sciortino'.

Carl Sciortino