

October 22, 2010

Mr. Dave Prentice  
General-Secretary, UNISON

- and -

Ms. Angela Lynes  
President, UNISON

Dear Brother Dave and Sister Angela:

On behalf of CUPE's 605,000 members, we are writing to offer this message of solidarity to all UNISON members in the wake of the extreme budget cuts announced by the Cameron Government.

We write this from Victoria, British Columbia, where we are in conference with 400 CUPE health care workers from all regions of Canada. CUPE members are outraged at the announcement that 500,000 public employees face lay-off due to announced austerity measures by the government.

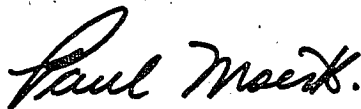
Britain, like Canada, has a deficit because governments responded appropriately to the global recession, including bank failures, by taking on debt and providing much needed economic stimulus.

The management of public deficit/debt is a responsibility all governments have, but the "slash and hack" approach by your government's actions is not acceptable, and CUPE members stand with you in solidarity as you mount your campaign to preserve public services.

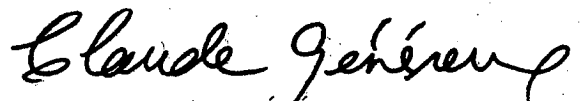
The services provided by UNISON members make communities in Britain safer, healthier and more equitable. The public values these services, and we are certain they will support your efforts to confront the Cameron government.

In closing, again, please accept our solidarity message, and be assured that CUPE stands with you in the defence of public services.

In solidarity,



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National President



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National Secretary-Treasurer

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