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RE: Letter in Support of Striking PSAC Workers

**Treasury Board of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

Honorable Government Officials:

As an American-Canadian cyber / systems security practitioner with prior service in our Federal Government, I am writing to express my support for the striking **Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC)** members who are currently fighting for their rights and fair compensation.¹ Data and statistics show that Canadian workers are struggling compared to their G7 partners. It is imperative that the government takes swift action to address their concerns and alleviate their pain.

PSAC members are an essential part of our country's public service, working daily to provide Canadians with the necessary services and support they need. It is unacceptable that these workers, who are so critical to our society, are not receiving the wages and benefits they deserve.

As you know, Canada has fallen behind other G7 countries in the areas of worker compensation and upward social mobility. Skilled workers in Canada make less than their counterparts in other nations.² It is time for our government to recognize the value of these workers and provide them with the wages and benefits they need to support themselves and their families. I am pleased to see talks continue through the weekend³: this is the type of dedication that our country truly needs right now.

I urge the government to reach a deal with the PSAC union swiftly that addresses their wage concerns in a material way and works to ease their pain. These workers deserve a fair and reasonable compensation package that recognizes their contributions to our society.

In conclusion, I stand in solidarity with the PSAC members and urge the government to take action now. It is time for our government to step up, truly listen and provide our public service workers with the compensation they need and deserve.

In Solidarity,



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¹ <https://psacunion.ca/psac-announces-nationwide-general-strike-beginning>.

² <https://www.weforum.org/reports/global-social-mobility-index-2020-why-economies-benefit-from-fixing-inequality/>.

³ https://twitter.com/TBS_Canada/status/1649525034019332108?s=20.