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Serena Sorrentino General Secretary Funzione Pubblica CGIL (FP-CGIL)

Domenico Proietti General Secretary UIL Federazioni Poteri Locali (UIL-FPL)

Sandro Colombi General Secretary Uil Pubblica Amministrazione (UIL-PA)

Dear Serena Sorrentino, Domenico Proietti, and Sandro Colombi:

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) and its more than 425,000 members across Canada. Most of our members work in the public sector, working to deliver public services of all kinds in their home provinces. NUPGE is also an affiliate of Public Services International (PSI).

I want to express NUPGE's solidarity with Italian public service workers who are going on strike, beginning on Friday, November 17. I commend your mobilization in response to the proposed 2024 state budget and the government's refusal to engage in social dialogue.

NUPGE supports your strike aims of

- advocating for sufficient investment in quality public services,
- ensuring adequate staffing levels at all workplaces, and
- defending public services against the threat of privatization.





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These challenges you face are very familiar to our members here in Canada: they are facing them too. We share with you the goals of properly valuing and investing in quality public services, and in the workers who deliver them, and of stopping the privatization of these services.

In solidarity,

Bert Blundon President

cc: Daniel Bertossa, General Secretary, PSI Jason MacLean, Secretary-Treasurer, NUPGE National Executive Board