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Liz Rutsch

Candidate for 2nd Vice President – CUPE Local 716

Dear CUPE Local 716 Members,

My name is Liz Rutsch, and I am proud to put my name forward as your next 2nd Vice President.

Since becoming your Clerical Shop Steward in 2022, I have learned that strong union representation is about more than knowing our Collective Agreement. It is about having the courage to advocate, challenge unfair treatment, and stand up for our members when it matters most.

Supporting our Administrative Assistants through the significant layoffs and bumping process this past spring reinforced my passion for advocacy. I witnessed firsthand the uncertainty and challenges our members faced, and it strengthened my determination to ensure that no member ever feels they have to fight for their rights alone.

Through my involvement on the Executive Board and as a Union Representative on the District and Education Committee, I have gained a greater appreciation of the diverse work our members perform. Every classification deserves recognition, fair treatment, and a strong voice at the table.

I believe our employer must be held accountable to the Collective Agreement. When our rights are overlooked, our concerns dismissed, or our protections challenged, we need leadership that is prepared to ask the hard questions, demand answers, and push for fair resolutions.

I want to be a 2nd Vice President who is approachable, accessible, and willing to listen, but also someone who isn't afraid to stand firm and fight for what is right. Whether you are confident speaking up or hesitant to raise concerns, I want you to know that your voice matters and you deserve to be heard.

My commitment is simple: to stand up for our members, protect our hard-fought rights, hold the employer accountable, and never shy away from difficult conversations or challenges. I believe every member deserves strong representation, meaningful action, and leadership that puts their interests first.

Our strength is in our solidarity. Our power is in our collective voice.
And our members will always be my priority.

I would be honoured to earn your trust, support, and vote.

In Solidarity,

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