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Dear Brother Steve:

On behalf of all of our members, I wish to express my sincere thanks for everything you and your members did for us during the 59 days that Halifax Water locked us out, from May 19 – July 16, 2015.

Whether it be through donating money and/or gift cards, bringing goodies to the lines, or just with the simple gesture of showing up, walking with us, and standing proud next to us, it was amazing to see and feel the support we were shown, and it truly kept us going.

We were fighting to keep our pension and make sure that all of our current and future members get to retire with dignity, security, and comfort. That fight is over. In the early morning hours of July 12th, and over the following few days, we came to an agreement with Halifax Water on what our pension will now look like. We were able to find a pension structure, which will save Halifax Water, and the ratepayers who are citizens of HRM, millions of dollars. The pension is now more affordable, more sustainable, and continues to provide retirees with the benefits they deserve for years to come.

We, as a society, have to continue to fight for others who have inadequate – or worse, no – workplace pension plans. We need to make sure that whatever government is in power knows the value of a strong CPP and is willing to make sure it stays intact. We all know that the children are the future, but we need to remember that retirees are those who put their lives into building this great society we enjoy as Canadians. These people deserve to be rewarded at the end of their careers with comfort, security, and the ability to enjoy a quality life without wondering if they can afford to do so.

We knew it could be done, and with all of the help and support from people here in Halifax, across Nova Scotia, and indeed across Canada, we did it. Once again, thank you so very much for your generosity and strength. Because of you, our members kept going, day after day, walking the line to protect the future.

Please pass this along to your membership, with thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,

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