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Bob Gillett
President,
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Dear Mr. Gillett:

I am writing to you today to urge you to immediately use your influence to avert a strike. As you well know, faculty, counsellors and librarians at Algonquin work diligently to provide the best possible quality of education, training and support for our students. Algonquin's strong KPI performance over the last ten years is evidence of this. Over the same period, Algonquin has led the CAAT system of colleges in terms of growth, and new programs. Algonquin is now a full service comprehensive post-secondary institution whose reputation has grown locally and nationally.

Algonquin is no longer the college it was in 1967, 1987 or 1997. The faculty know this, you know this, and the Workload Taskforce reported this. We need a Collective Agreement which recognises these important changes. Imposing terms and conditions of employment is not the way forward.

We don't want to strike. But we need a settlement to avoid a strike. We need a fair settlement. We need a settlement, as the Workload Taskforce recommended, which recognises how the college has changed. We are counting on you to show the leadership necessary so that all of us at Algonquin can continue to work together, for the benefit of our students and the community.

Yours sincerely,