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Al Peterson
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RWDSU #580

Dear Brother Peterson:

The Provincial Association of University and College Employees is sponsoring a public meeting to rally support for the defense of the SFU 18, who were arrested at the AUCE #2 picket line in March of this year.

We are writing to invite you to address the meeting, or to send a representative and speak to the theme: "Why the Charges Should Be Dropped". The meeting will be held at the Fishermen's Hall in Vancouver on the evening of October 26th.

SFU 18" and all others
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Other invited speakers will represent the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, International Woodworkers of America, and the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union. In recent months, the SFU 18 has had tremendous support from the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union and your continuing support is having the desired effect. Charges against one person have been dropped. [REDACTED] was convicted on the charge of blocking a highway and fined \$250 but he was dismissed of the charge of obstructing a police officer. Further, a stay of proceedings has been instituted on the charges against 3 of the others arrested. From the latest action on the part of the Crown, it seems obvious that there is no case against these people and that there was no basis for their initial arrest.

We appreciate the fact that developments in negotiations and the termination of six striking employees of Adams Laboratories are keeping you extremely busy. We hope that your schedule will allow

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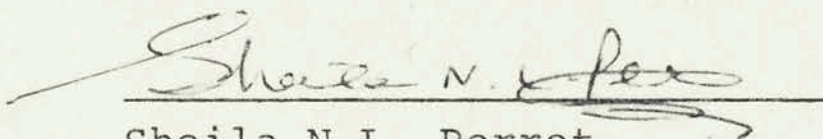
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you the time to attend the meeting.

Would it be possible for you to let me know within the next week whether or not you will be able to attend or send a representative?

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sheila N.L. Perret', is written over a horizontal line.

Sheila N.L. Perret
Secretary-Treasurer
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