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COPE/SEPB respectfully acknowledges that we are privileged to live and work on the traditional and ancestral territories, both unceded and treated, of Indigenous Peoples and Nations across Canada, each with their own unique traditions, histories, and cultures.

En tout respect, le SEPB/COPE reconnaît que nous sommes privilégiés de vivre et travailler sur des terres traditionnelles et ancestrales, non cédées et sujettes à traité, des peuples autochtones et nations à travers le Canada, possédant chacun ses propres et uniques traditions, histoires et cultures.

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**Via Email: PM@pm.gc.ca**

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (COPE SEPB) to urge the Canadian government to immediately expand the humanitarian aid it provides to the citizens of Cuba. The people of Cuba continue to have their basic human rights, dignities, and livelihoods violated and attacked because of the actions of the Trump administration in the United States.

Our union and our tens of thousands of members across Canada are distressed to see the ongoing humanitarian crisis faced by the people in Cuba because of the Trump administration's violation of the UN Charter and the rights of Cuba to national sovereignty and self-determination.

This is more than just an appeal for international justice. This is an appeal to preserve and save lives which are being directly threatened by the actions of the Trump administration.

Millions of Cubans find themselves without access to water, electricity and food. Tens of thousands of surgeries are being cancelled for people who desperately need them.

Children, including newborn babies, are being put at risk because the childhood immunization program has been paused, leading to potential future, long-term health implications. Infant mortality has doubled since the blockade began.

Power blackouts have spread across the country, affecting all sectors of their everyday lives, including at hospitals where the aged and most critically sick are dying because power cannot be maintained for lifesaving equipment.

Our union stands firmly in support of the power workers in Cuba who are working hard to address the blackouts and shortages caused by the blockade. Our members who work in the utility sector across Canada know how hard it is to manage utilities in the best of times and know how devastating blackouts can be. The Cuban utility workers are making heroic efforts to preserve and save lives in this time of crisis.

These people need our help. They need the Canadian government to stand up to a bully that is threatening their national sovereignty. No one knows how this feels more than Canadians do; therefore, it is our patriotic duty to stand up for international justice and to defend another nation's right to exist in peace and without foreign interference.

We are calling on the Government of Canada to act now against the illegal actions of the Trump administration, to support the people of Cuba by increasing humanitarian aid, and to join forces with other concerned countries to end the US blockade.

Sincerely,

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President, COPE SEPB

cc. National Executive Board, all COPE/SEPB Local presidents