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Ken,

I just wanted to express the support of the Rider University Chapter of the AAUP for your current strike against the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. We understand your struggle to provide fair working conditions for your members, and to support the academic mission of the university system.

I believe that what you fight for today extends beyond your current contract. Your administration's language and approach to labor is plucked directly from the world of business. Their neoliberal approach to higher education as a 'business' seeks to maximize revenues, minimize expenses and invariably will lead to a persistent deprofessionalization of higher education faculty, a death by a thousand cuts. Though a small private, we share common cause as we negotiate with our administration on many of the same issues.

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