

Dear Professor,

As I'm sure you are aware, UAW Local 2865 and SRU UAW will be on strike effective Monday November 14th. I will be honoring the union members' decision to strike in response to unfair labor practices committed by the University. As such I will be on the picket line and will not be crossing any physical or virtual picket lines and will not be attending/participating in class during the duration of the strike.

I'm sure you will respect my right to engage in protected activity as well as my right of free expression to support these efforts.

As a member of the Faculty, you have the agency to support us. **Faculty are unequivocally allowed to show support --- you can read more on the Council of UC Faculty Associations website [here](#)**. If UC wants the strike to end as quickly as possible, they can take concrete steps to support us in stopping unlawful behavior. Many have already started to do so, and you can find [example letters here](#) from faculty departments across the UC. You can also use this [Template Letter to the Administration](#) to urge the University to resolve their unfair labor practices and settle a fair contract. **The Council of UC Faculty Associations (CUCFA) also has a [sign-on letter](#)**, which we would like to encourage you to sign onto.

All best,