RE: UTGSU’s Endorsement of CUPE3902’s Strike Mandate Vote

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The University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU) would like to inform our members that CUPE3902 has reached out to Unit 1 graduate students with detailed instructions on participating in the 2024 Strike Mandate Vote. This vote is of utmost importance to our community, as a resounding “Yes” will provide CUPE3902's Bargaining Committee with the necessary resources and leverage to achieve the best possible bargaining outcomes. This endeavor not only directly benefits Unit 1 graduate student members by advocating for fairer compensation and improved working conditions but also strengthens the UTGSU and our newly established Base Funding Committee in our pursuit of enhanced funding and support for all graduate students.

We strongly urge those who have received communication from CUPE3902 to actively participate in the voting process. Your vote plays a crucial role in shaping a more equitable future for our academic community. By standing in solidarity with CUPE3902 and endorsing the strike mandate, we collectively enhance our ability to negotiate for the resources and conditions essential to our success and well-being as graduate students. Given that a significant portion of many graduate students’ funding is directly tied to Unit 1 positions, your “Yes” vote not only symbolizes solidarity but also represents a vital step towards securing our financial stability and academic achievement. Let us unite to effect meaningful change and advance our shared objectives for a fairer, more supportive academic environment.

In solidarity,

UTGSU Executive