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Dear Friends,

I would like to express my support on this first anniversary of the labour dispute that continues to paralyze your radio stations.

We know that the fight to secure a first collective agreement is not just about improving your own working conditions. Those who come after you will also benefit from the gains that you achieve. By standing up for your rights, you are helping to advance equality and social justice and to prevent the deterioration of working conditions for all Canadians.

The New Democratic Party has a long history of working in partnership with unions. We know what is possible when people who share common values work together to achieve shared goals.

Canadians have counted on good faith collective bargaining for decades to ensure job security and decent working conditions. All workers, unionized or not, ultimately benefit from better wages, pension plans and workplace safety achieved through collective bargaining.

Unfortunately, too many Canadian employers continue to approach unions as a mere hindrance to their profits.

We are urging the Maritime Broadcasting System to resume negotiations with its employees. To those workers, and to the thousands of citizens who have supported them in various ways over the last year, we offer our support.

Like you, we sincerely hope that this conflict ends as soon as possible, that the seven employees involved return to work, and that the listeners of the three affected radio stations regain access to the quality programming they deserve.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas Mulcair'.

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