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To all Fellow CUPE locals:

As many of you may know, our members working for First Transit (Fraser Valley Transit Workers) are on strike. These members are facing a multi-national corporation, hired and protected by BC Transit, who are suppressing wages and denying workers a pension. Other transit workers in our region make 32 per cent more per hour, and neither the company nor BC Transit will address this huge wage gap. Our members recognize that this strike could be a very long dispute, and our local is supporting them all the way.

WORKERS NEED YOUR HELP

In this strike, we are facing off against a huge multi-national corporation, one that is based in Europe and owned by a hedge fund. Now more than ever, this employer needs to see they are facing all of CUPE's 715,000 members across Canada and not just the 200 Fraser Valley transit workers they employ.

SEND A MESSAGE TO BC TRANSIT AT WENEEDALIFT.CA

The fastest and most direct way for you and your members to help is by sending a letter to BC Transit. This can be done in a matter of seconds by using the online action found on our CUPE 561 strike support website, www.weneedalift.ca.



SCAN TO SUPPORT WORKERS

Even if you added your name earlier this year, please take the action again. The site was recently updated to include B.C.'s Minister of Transportation, and the CEO and board of directors for BC Transit—the contractor for First Transit.

SHARE OUR WENEEDALIFT.CA ACTION WEBSITE

Another great way you can quickly make a difference is to share our www.weneedalift.ca website. Please add this to your social media channels, and send it out to your membership lists, asking supporters and members to please add their support.

ATTEND A PICKET LINE

For those in the Lower Mainland, please consider coming down to our picket sites to share your support and solidarity by joining members on the line. Locations and times are as follows:

Chilliwack Yard

44275 Yale Road, Chilliwack (24/7)

Abbotsford Yard

3032 Gladys Avenue, Abbotsford (24/7)

Please bring picket signs and/or clothing that shows what local you're from.

Thank you so much for your support!

In solidarity,

Jane Gibbons
President