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To whom:

We of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 675 stand in solidarity with the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation Local 3544 in their efforts to reach an agreement on a contract that is fair and reasonable to them. This unwillingness to provide the barest of amenities, two weeks paid sick leave and a living wage, counters the image of a learning institution that professes to be progressive and innovative. It's disappointing that the University of Oregon continues to spend its resources on lawyers and strike preparation instead of on resolution.

We urge the University of Oregon to realign its priorities and recognize the value the Graduate Teaching Fellows bring to its educational programs and compensate them according to that value. To continue on the current track will only serve to reduce the number of graduate students interested in attending the University.

In solidarity and on behalf of the E-Board of IATSE 675,

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