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Murray Nychporuk
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Dear Murray:

On behalf of the members and families of USW Local 6500, I would like to thank you and your members for their very generous donation to our strike.

It was a proud day for me and for my members to stand with you and Wayne Rae in Port Colborne and it was a great day to demonstrate our solidarity and resolve. Your presence at our picket lines was greatly appreciated and the signed banner is now hanging in the main entrance of our office building for all to see.

This strike with Vale is a tough but very necessary strike to protect our Canadian culture and our members' future. Your support for our members and our community gives us the encouragement and drive to continue the fight.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fera". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Fera
President, Local 6500
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