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Dear CUE Members;

Greetings!

While I agree with much of my opponent's statement, with all due respect I disagree with her when she says, "undervalued and underpaid employees will not contribute to the lasting health and impact of this institution - regardless of how the numbers look."

I see everyday how hard we work. "UC WORKS BECAUSE WE DO" - how true that slogan is. I believe clericals are the life blood of the University and Medical Centers. I believe we need to objectively assess our contributions and respect and value our worth. Perhaps I am reading too much into her statement, but I feel so strongly that we collectively make a vital contribution to UC and we should acknowledge ourselves for it.

Sincerely,

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