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## **“Respect, Fairness and Equity!”** **Society ESA Local Goes on Strike** *IFPTE Issues Statement of Unconditional Solidarity*

WASHINGTON, DC - Following the decision by the Society of United Professionals (SUP/IFPTE Local 160) ESA members to go on strike on Monday, IFPTE’s executive officers, President Matt Biggs and Secretary-Treasurer Gay Henson, issued the following joint statement of Solidarity this week in support of the striking IFPTE Sisters and Brothers:

*“On behalf of IFPTE’s 90,000 strong membership across North America, we offer our strong support and Solidarity with Society members employed by Ontario’s Electrical Safety Authority who told their employer that enough is enough. Sadly, ESA management has stonewalled these ESA workers for over four months by offering substandard wage and benefit increases. Make no mistake about it, this strike was solely due to the failure of the employer to bargain in good faith and IFPTE stands in 100 percent alignment with our ESA members. We have your back!”*

SUP/IFPTE Local 160 President/Canadian Area Vice President, Michelle Johnston, who has been walking the picket line with the striking workers, also commented:

*“ESA leadership and management needs to come to the table with respectable offers that are worthy of the incredible work and contributions of these workers. What we have seen thus far are subpar offers, and efforts by the ESA management to circumvent the bargaining process as a means of weakening our collective strength. Predictably, those efforts failed and now is the time for ESA to see the error in their ways and bargain in good faith.”*

Learn more about the strike at #ESAonstrike.

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