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Dear Sharon:

I am writing to extend our congratulations to you and your colleagues at the Australian Council of Trade Unions for your great success today on the National Day of Community Protest.

I see from news reports that thousands of working men and women in Australia – more than 100,000 in Melbourne alone -- have responded to the call for public demonstrations against the Howard government's reckless and irresponsible policies. It is gratifying to see an effective mobilization against government proposals that would so dramatically set back the cause of workers.

Please extend our best wishes to all of your members and know that we share your commitment to the cause of working people, their families and their future.

In Solidarity,

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