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Dear Randi,

On behalf of UNISON's 1.3 million members working in public services in the UK, I am delighted to send our greetings and solidarity as you begin your 89th biennial convention in Washington D.C.

As delegates come together to discuss the AFT's response to the Trump administration's unrelenting attack on public service workers, we know how important this convention is to workers in the US and beyond. In a world where we all feel the impact of decisions made in the Whitehouse, we commend your determination to defend workers' rights everywhere and stand firmly with you in your struggle.

Over the last 18 months the AFT has fought tirelessly against a stream of executive orders intended to dismantle democracy, human and workers' rights, public services and the trade union movement. From mass layoffs under DOGE to the deportation of hundreds of thousands of migrant workers and attacks on education and healthcare, the AFT has stood strong, determined to defend the rights of educators, students, public service workers and the most vulnerable in society.

Since the AFT was established 110 years ago, you have played a critical role in the defence of human and civil rights. Now, as those rights are under an unprecedented attack, we know how important the collective strength of the AFT's 1.8 million members will continue to be.



We wish you a successful convention that further strengthens and prepares the AFT for the continued struggles of the next two years. We hold on to the hope that your 90th convention in 2028 will immediately precede a new dawn for workers in the US and be a time of optimism and hope for all.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Egan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Andrea Egan
General Secretary