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Dear Mr. Sexton:

As a member of the Board of Trustees of New York University (NYU), you are no doubt aware of the possibility of a strike on Wednesday April 21, 2004, by the adjunct faculty represented by United Auto Workers Local 7902 (UAW). We are writing today to urge you to encourage NYU to settle a fair contract immediately, so as to avoid a strike and to finally give adjuncts the quality agreement they so rightfully deserve and need.

It is our understanding that the union and administration have brought in a mediator regarding this matter and that, while his professionalism and knowledge are noted, there still has been no positive progress in settling a contract. As you know, there are many critical issues at stake here. Prolonged stalemate has now resulted in the union calling for a strike. We sincerely hope that the administration realizes the gravity of these issues, and that it will work accordingly with the union to resolve this matter in a timely manner.

The adjuncts of NYU do not want to strike. To do so would adversely affect one of the most important elements of the school—its students. They feel strongly, however, about their inability (now over a period of many years) to procure a contract that recognizes both the union and the valuable work that they perform each day for the thousands of students at NYU.

Fair wages, good health care, pensions, and the resources needed to perform teaching duties are important to all of us. Please encourage the administration of NYU to productively work with the UAW to come to a fair and just agreement for adjunct faculty.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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