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Dear Non-Tenure Track Faculty Member,

I am writing today as an Assemblymember representing communities that include Mercy campuses to express my strong support for the organizing efforts of contingent faculty at Mercy College.

It appears that contingent faculty are the clear majority of Mercy's total teaching faculty. And now the number of contingent positions at Mercy has increased over the years. I understand that while tuition for students has risen, the pay for contingent faculty at Mercy has remained more or less stagnant.

All students deserve the chance to pursue their goals and ambitions at an institution of higher education. Mercy provides thousands of students with this opportunity each year. But it is you and your colleagues who play the most direct role in shaping the day-to-day learning experiences of each of these students. I am encouraged to know that you are coming together to form a labor organization that will add immeasurable value to Mercy's community and learning environment over time.

You have my full support in these efforts. I look forward to continuing to work together with you for a more equitable New York.

Sincerely,

Thomas Abinanti
Assembly Member, District 92

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