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Friends, Brothers, and Sisters

**Re: Wildfires in Jasper and area**

We have all seen the tragic events caused by the wildfires in Jasper, and we are deeply affected by the losses the town and our members have suffered.

Although we are deeply grateful that there have been no reports of serious injuries or loss of life, we know that our members and their friends and family have years of rebuilding ahead.

Our Union is already helping the members of Locals 1357 and 1458 and we are deeply appreciative of the personal involvement of our National President Mark Hancock and National Secretary Treasurer Candace Rennick.

Candace and Mark immediately authorized access to CUPE's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for all members of the affected locals, and earlier today put out a nationwide call to all chartered organizations to make donations to CUPE's National Disaster Relief Fund to help our members and the people of Jasper rebuild their community.

CUPE Alberta is also working with the Locals to determine if there is an ability to provide support to members in immediate need and will have further information on local hardship funds as soon as it is available.

CUPE Alberta Executive has authorized \$20,000 to support our members in Jasper and we encourage all chartered organizations to consider making donations as well.

As difficult as the situation in Jasper is, we are CUPE, we are Albertans, and with the power of solidarity, we will get through this stronger than ever.

In solidarity,

CUPE Alberta Executive

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