

# Letter of Support from the united Faculty of Central Ohio Technical College

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Sara Kilpatrick, Executive Director  
Ohio Conference of the American Association of University Professors  
222 East Town St., 2W  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Director Kilpatrick,

The United Faculty of Central Ohio Technical College stand with the American Association of University Professors and its WSU chapter members in protecting your collective bargaining rights. We strongly urge the Schrader administration and the Wright State Board of Trustees to return to negotiations immediately.

The last best offer proposed by the WSU administration drastically diminishes shared governance, which is foundational for effective institutions of higher education. Considering the extensive financial missteps of the WSU administration, a stronger faculty voice, not a lesser, in university decisions is warranted. We stand with you against this attack on shared governance.

The attempts by the WSU administration to strip away the collective bargaining rights for health care, working conditions, and salary erode the value of WSU faculty. Such actions also dramatically undermine Wright State University's vision of "inclusive culture that respects the unique value of each of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni and for the positive transformative impact we have on the lives of our students".

We strongly urge the WSU administration to reconsider their proposal and return to the table and bargain in good faith to better serve the mission and vision of the University.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin J. Schmerr".

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