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Dear Paddy,

I just learned of your winning the Tolpuddle Martyrs Award, and I couldn't be more thrilled for you! Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!

The first time we met was when you were part of the CAAT-A bargaining team, and you came to my local meeting to discuss the important issues. I remember being completely blown away by your deep understanding of our collective agreement and the sheer force of your presence. It was clear to me then, like it is to so many now, that you weren't just "informed" – you were deeply rooted in the labour movement and the work we can do together.

The thing that has always stood out most to me is your commitment to the union. When you said you were "married to the union," I remember thinking, "that will *never* be me." But here I am now! Deeply wedded and inspired each day by your dedication. You showed me and many others the power of commitment, and you've played a significant role in the journeys of many within the labour community.

Your leadership, energy, and spirit have made a lasting impact on countless unionists. Today, you win this award because you've motivated people like me to become more engaged in their unions. You've known, from day one, that our duty isn't to solve people's problems, but to empower them. Solidarity is built relationship by relationship, day by day, and I want to thank you for your commitment to bringing so many people together under this big tent.

Once again, congratulations on your award. Wishing you all the best as you celebrate this wonderful recognition.

In solidarity,

JP Hornick

President, OPSEU/SEFPO