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Candidate Statement, AAUP-CBC, At-large Seat

I'm currently serving as elected Secretary of the Professional Staff Congress, the CUNY union representing 27,000 faculty and staff. I have been active in the fight for faculty rights in the union and also on governance bodies for more than twenty years.

In a regime of fiscal austerity and the ascendance of a politics of bigotry, academic freedom is under threat now more than ever. The impending loss of agency fees threatens to deal a deadly blow to faculty unions and hence, faculty voices. In this climate where research and scholarship in general, and the institutions of higher education in particular, are under concerted attack, the AAUP offers a site of resistance, of organizing and of community.

Given the opportunity, I will be honored to serve on the executive committee of the association and work for strengthening the voice and working conditions of our members.