

Dear Member

A group of Tufts University students named (TLC) Tufts Labor Coalition has found themselves in the middle of a labor battle over the possible loss of custodians. The Somerville Labor Coalition recently received a letter from Anna Gaebler, a student at Tufts University and a member of Tufts Labor Coalition asking for help from the SLC. Presently the SLC is attempting to get them assistance but in the meantime we believed it necessary to share her email as well as 3 articles about these job cuts. We will keep you updated and hope you will join us in the event we need to help these Tufts Students and janitors.



Here are some of the articles:

<http://tuftsdaily.com/opinion/2014/10/15/support-janitors/>

<http://tuftsdaily.com/opinion/2014/11/20/listen-linda-cuts-janitorial-staff-option/>

<http://tuftsdaily.com/news/2014/11/25/administration-issues-statement-custodial-services-tlc-leads-opposition/>

Letter to Somerville Labor Coalition from Students of Tufts University Tufts Labor Coalition

Dear Somerville Labor Coalition,

Hi, my name is Anna Gaebler, and I'm a student at Tufts University and a member of Tufts Labor Coalition. If you haven't heard already, the university has approached their janitorial services contractor, DTZ, with requests to lay off many of the park-time janitors on both our campus and the Boston campus. Many of the janitors live in Somerville, and some have worked on Tufts campus for several years. They are a valued part of the Tufts and Somerville community.

These cuts would be disastrous for all janitorial staff on campus. All of the janitors are already overworked, and these cuts would only exacerbate this problem - not to mention that the janitors who do lose their jobs will be left without any income and little resources to obtain different employment. As a group, Tufts Labor Coalition has spent the bulk of this semester trying to pressure the administration not to administer these cuts. We have met with administrators, held teach-ins to educate other students, published op-eds and other media pieces, as well as collected student feedback.

However, we are worried that all of this won't be enough to convince the administration to preserve these community members' livelihoods. As a labor coalition, do you have any advice on what we should do? Or, is there any way you can assist us in our fight against these layoffs?

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Anna