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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, O.C., O.Q., C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M, C.D. Governor General of Canada

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On behalf of Canada's 61,000 public service professionals, most of whom are in the federal public service, it's my great honour to congratulate you on your swearing in as Canada's Governor General.

Your historic appointment as first Indigenous head of state greatly inspires our membership. With your track record of achieving results for Indigenous rights across Canada and your impressive commitment to public services, your appointment is welcome news for Canadians. PIPSC is committed to truth and reconciliation for First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, so please consider us an ally to your work.

The members I represent are deeply passionate about the services that Canadians rely on. Whether it's promoting our culture and heritage through award-winning films and museums, ensuring everyone pays their fair share of taxes, fighting climate change, building and operating government computer systems, approving vaccines, or delivering healthcare services in remote areas, our members would be delighted to speak with you about their work.

Some of our members work in your office. Please know that my team is ready to collaborate on new measures that build relationships between management at the Office of the Governor General's Secretary and staff.

Beyond labour relations issues, I see other possible areas of collaboration. I would be pleased to meet you in the coming months to discuss them. Our public service has an excellent reputation internationally, having been recently named one of the world's most effective civil services overall by the International Civil Service Effectiveness (InCiSE) Index. When you are representing our country internationally, count on the dedication of PIPSC members to uphold that reputation of having a commitment to excellence. My team is also ready to help in other areas such as working towards a more fair and equitable country, protecting public services, and understanding Canadians' needs.

I wish you the very best for a memorable swearing-in ceremony and in your work as Governor General.

Better together,

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