October 19, 2018

Cheryl Schrader, President  
Wright State University  
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy  
260 University Hall  
Dayton, OH 45435

Dear President Schrader:

Wright State University is a pillar of achievement and innovation in Dayton and an integral part of Ohio’s public university system. The university has a strong academic, communal, and historical presence in the Dayton community, the State of Ohio, as well as across the country. Due to this, we are all highly invested in and committed to the future well-being of the university and the students, alumni, and community members who benefit from and contribute to Wright State’s culture of excellence.

I recognize that the university has been put in a difficult financial position that, to overcome, will likely require sacrifices and difficult decisions. During these deliberations, I urge the university leadership to prioritize faculty who serve as the backbone of student achievement and university success. Professors are one of the first interactions students have with the university, through developing professional relationships and acting as a source of guidance for students both inside and outside the classroom long after they have graduated.

I have faith that the university and faculty will be able to agree to terms that are deemed acceptable to both parties to prevent any strikes that would have dire consequences for the 15,558 students who attend your university and the prospective students and faculty who are interested in becoming a part of the Raider community.

Please let me know if my office can be helpful in any way.

Sincerely,

Fred Strahorn  
Minority Leader  
39th House District

Cc: Wright State University Board of Trustees  
Tom Ritchie, President, Dayton-Miami Valley AFL-CIO