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Dear Professor Quarter:

The United Steelworkers of America represents more than 740,000 workers in the United States and Canada. Steelworker members can be found in every sector of the economy – from factories to offices, to hospitals, university campuses, hotels, warehouses, bakeries, banks, transportation and communications workers and many more. Today, workers employed in the steel industry and in mining – two of the union's traditional jurisdictions – total almost 60,000, out of a total membership in Canada of more than 180,000. More than 20 per cent of Steelworkers are women, and there is a growing membership among visible minorities and immigrant workers. A substantial number of our members participate in a pension fund or other type of savings plan to secure income for their retirement.

We are interested in supporting and excited about being involved in the proposal seeking three-year funding to provide research and education to union pension trustees on pension fund investment strategies in the New Economy. Cooperation between "our union" and this project will provide benefits and opportunities for working people in many different sectors of the economy.

We are prepared to support the project by allocating staff time and resources to it. Jorge Garcia-Orgales, from our Research Department, will be assigned to work closely with the main researchers as well as participate in committees, meetings and conferences that are organized by the project. Our organization is willing to donate office resources (telephone, fax, computer, photocopier, etc.) any other resources that staff might need to be effective in their participation.

I hope you will be successful in your request. We are looking forward to working with you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Lawrence McBrearty  
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