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I, _____, hereby authorize my signature on the below Letter of Support for the Houston Janitors' 2009 Campaign. I give my consent to the Service Employees International Union, Local 1, to use and publish my signature in conjunction with the below text.

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Standing with Houston's Janitors

After a month-long strike in 2006, Houston's janitors won an historic contract that created new hope for working families in our city. A group of responsible building owners and cleaning contractors came together with the janitors to raise standards in the city. By increasing wages and working hours, the agreement more than doubled janitors' income—they had been paid \$20 a day—and also gave them access to affordable healthcare via the Service Workers' Clinic as well as paid holiday and vacation time, things that most people take for granted.

The agreement between janitors and their employers expires in November. While their 2006 contract was a step in the right direction, Houston janitors still lag behind the general prosperity of this great city. Through the economic downturn, Houston has weathered the storm better than other large US cities. Houston businesses have fared better, but working Houstonians continue to struggle to pay for groceries, rent and other bills. Healthcare costs are an ever increasing burden on workers and their families. Houston janitors share these struggles.

Houston business leaders, once again, have the opportunity to move the city forward. By helping to lift the living standards of our city's most vulnerable members and by decreasing the disparity between the haves and have-nots, Houston's economic leaders can contribute to our city's future prosperity and growth.

We, Houston's faith, political, community, and labor leaders, strongly support the efforts of the janitors to win a better life for themselves, their families, and their community.

We call upon the building owners and the tenants of Houston's commercial office market to play a positive, cooperative role in the fight for Houston janitors to win better wages. If you are a tenant in an office building, we ask you to show your support for your janitors. If you own or manage an office building, we call on you to hire companies that are committed to transforming the cleaning industry into a source of good jobs for our community.

In a spirit of faith, hope and an abiding commitment to a just future for all working people, we ask you to join us in our support of Houston's janitors.

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