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We, the members of the Rutgers Unión Estudiantil Puertorriqueña, stand in solidarity with the students and staff of UPR and their fight for educational access, equity, and affordability. Similarly, we stand with them in their fight for pension and salary security. The mismanagement of resources by the administration and government of the island is unacceptable. Furthermore, we believe the authoritative abuse towards the protesters and residents has trampled on fundamental rights which is completely unacceptable. We support the rightful expression of First Amendment Rights of our peers and encourage the expression of these rights to their fullest capacity. During this time, it is vital that we recognize the efforts of these protesters to create change for greater justice throughout the island.

In solidarity,

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Verbal Mayhem



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Nosotros, los miembros estudiantiles de Rutgers Unión Estudiantil Puertorriqueña, estamos unidos en solidaridad con los estudiantes y facultad de la UPR y su lucha por el acceso a la educación universitaria de una manera equitativa y asequible. Similarmente, estamos unidos en solidaridad a su lucha por la seguridad de los sueldos y las pensiones. El mal manejo de los recursos que el gobierno y la administración ha llevado a cabo es repugnante. Además, el abuso de parte de la autoridad y las fuerzas policiacas han pisado los derechos fundamentales de los manifestantes y los residentes y es inaceptable. Apoyamos y animamos la expresión legítima de nuestros compañeros en mayor medida posible de los derechos de la primera Enmienda de la Constitución. Durante este tiempo, es vital que reconozcamos los esfuerzos de estos manifestantes y residentes para crear un cambio que traiga más justicia por toda la isla.

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