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Dear Local 2110 Organizing Committee,

Thank you for inviting me to participate in a town-hall debate concerning the upcoming election. I appreciate your desire to engage in an open conversation of the kind that is a hallmark of the Columbia experience.

I share that desire and suggest a format that recognizes the robust voice that the Student Affairs Committee of the University Senate offers to all members of our academic community. The Senate, along with all of our student- and faculty-led governance structures, has a long history of debating complex issues of concern to our community.

Columbia is committed to a dialogue with students regarding the impact of unionization. To that end, I propose that we both find a way to support the Student Affairs Committee's information sessions, which are planned for the near future.

Sincerely,



John H. Coatsworth
Provost of Columbia University