**Resolution to Make All Victims of East Palestine, Ohio Derailment Eligible for Federal Government Funded Healthcare**

**Whereas**, a train derailment took place at East Palestine in Ohio on February 3, 2023, and,

**Whereas**, highly toxic material was released by the ignition of the material by Norfolk Southern Railway and,

**Whereas**, community residents and workers in that community were not properly protected from the toxic exposure and,

**Whereas**, this incident has contaminated thousands of people in the town and the surrounding area as well as the streams and waterways and,

**Whereas**, many of these residents and workers are suffering health effects that are leading to their inability to work and,

**Whereas**, these residents and workers are threatened with the loss of their healthcare as a result of their inability to work,

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Professional Staff Congress/CUNY calls on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and President Biden to immediately declare East Palestine, Ohio a mass incident casualty under the Stafford Act to make residents and workers eligible for mental and physical healthcare from the federal government.