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Statement by Eddie Mariconda, president of
CUPE Local 416, representing paramedics and
outside municipal workers in Toronto

TORONTO, ON – Yesterday, the City of Toronto was disrupted by a senseless tragedy. This horrific act will not soon be forgotten by the people of our community, but neither will the heroic actions of Toronto's Paramedics, Police Officers, Firefighters and front-line hospital and city staff. In one of our city's darkest moments, these women and men, whose bravery prevented further injury and loss of life, are a shining example of the strength that makes Toronto great.

On behalf of CUPE Local 416, I would like to offer my condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims of this terrible attack. I want to thank our members and all of the first responders and the workers who have kept Toronto running in the wake of this tragedy. I want to give special thanks to Our Toronto Paramedics for their outstanding work during this tragedy and I also want to acknowledge the actions of the brave men and women of the Toronto Police Services, who arrived on the scene of the attack and performed their duties with the utmost professionalism.

In the days that follow, let us look to the examples of bravery and heroism that we saw yesterday as proof that, as a community, we are stronger when we are united, and we will not allow our city to be divided by acts of violence.

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