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The Bio.

Hello, my name is Brian T. Gallagher, of the University of Rhode Island Chapter of AAUP, and I am asking you to vote for me as one of the two At Large Council Members. I am an Associate Professor at URI's University Libraries and a member of the URI-AAUP Chapter since my hiring in August 2007. At present, I am a member of the Chapter's Executive Committee, serving the Chapter's constituents as Member-at-Large, Chair of the Membership Committee, and Newsletter Editor. In June 2018, I was elected to serve a two year term as a Member-at-Large on the AAUP's Collective Bargaining Congress's Executive Committee.

The Statement.

We've all heard the current rallying call "We're all in this together," during these days of pandemic insecurity. For the majority of people and organizations that use those words – that is a genuine call for unity, for us all to work together, to merge our similarities and differences and from that merger, create a stronger bond. The trouble is that for some, what they are really saying is, "We're all in this for us." Under the guise of good intentions, bad measures are put forward to set back faculty rights such as intellectual property and academic freedom and professional autonomy. And, contingent faculty, already in a precarious position, face a greater danger of abuse or, worse, abandonment in the name of the bureaucratic common good. Which is why, more than ever, we need the AAUP. Was a pandemic virus what the AAUP planned for when the membership voted to approve the restructuring of the governing body? No. But, is the AAUP ready to fight for faculty's rights? Always. I am running for At Large Council Member because I believe that now, more than ever, the AAUP is essential...running towards the disguised dangers that threaten faculty. And, I want to continue serving the AAUP, as an officer, as a volunteer in fulfilling that essential service to our community.