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Dear Local 30 Members,

Late last week we learned that the National Labor Relations Board is prepared to issue a favorable decision regarding the charges the unions of the Coalition filed last April. In our charges we alleged that the employer illegally walked out of bargaining with us back in March and then demanded a new Partnership Agreement before they would return to the table. The Coalition filed the charges, gave testimony, and finally the Board has informed the parties of their intent to uphold the positions of the unions. The bargaining must resume and there can be no preconditions placed on bargaining.

We have already begun meeting with the employer to arrange dates and plan the resumption of our negotiations. We are looking forward to completing our bargaining and bringing back to our members a contract that they can ratify. This is an important step in that direction and I have every confidence that we will be at the table very soon.

I will certainly update you as more information becomes available.

Happy Holidays.

In unity,

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