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Bob Speer, President  
IBEW 827  
263 Ward St  
East Windsor, NJ 08520

Dear Mr. Speer,

We are writing to express our solidarity with you, your members, and all 40,000 workers striking against Verizon for its anti-labor practices and its failure to negotiate a strong, competitive contract that honors the work of the CWA and IBEW members who help make the company so profitable.

We share your commitment to collective bargaining and collective action as the best way to ensure that working families receive good wages and benefits. As the women and men who help build and maintain our vital information infrastructure, your members have earned the right to respect, fair treatment and a strong contract. We share your dismay at Verizon's efforts to cut workers, outsource jobs, and disrespect the people who make the company successful.

We stand with all union members and all those who fight for American workers in supporting you in your strike. Stay strong, and be assured that you do not stand alone.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if there is any other way we can show our support to you and your members.

Sincerely,

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