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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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David Lewis, President AT&T Michigan
1st Floor, 221 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Mr. Lewis,

I am writing in support and solidarity of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Telecommunications and Technologies, Legacy T and CWA/AT&T Midwest.

Roughly 9,000 workers in the Midwest have been working without a contract since April 14, 2018. CWA Legacy T and CWA AT&T/Midwest workers want a fair contract that addresses employment security, jobs of the future and return of offshored or outsourced work.

In a November 8th press release, AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson stated that AT&T would commit to investing an additional \$1 billion in the United States should the tax bill in question be signed into law. He further stated that analysis suggested that such investment would result in the creation of 7,000 additional jobs.

It is my understanding that just weeks after the tax bill passed, AT&T laid off 1500 workers. I also was advised that just a couple of weeks ago, another surplus was announced.

The collective bargaining process is designed to bring both sides together for a fair and equitable solution for both sides. I stand with the workers of the Midwest and I support the CWA'S demand of job security, healthcare, and return of contracted out/off shored jobs.

I would ask that you get this message to your CEO and ask that he urge the bargaining teams to find fair and equitable solutions at their respective bargaining tables. I thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

John Chirkun
State Representative
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