

Good Evening Brothers and Sisters,

If you look around all of the CWA websites you may find lots of information. Some of that information is good and some is not. Do not believe the rumors and lies that are being told by the company and do not read into information that you may find on a website from a local 500 miles north. I do not have answers on why or what they are posting on websites in District 1.

What I can tell you is that District 2-13 communicates every day with our bargaining committee and District Vice President Ed Mooney. We will continue to post information on our website and we will continue to update you through website postings and e-mail blast.

The company and the Union will meet tomorrow at the bargaining table. Tomorrow the NFLPA will publicly support the strikers of CWA against Verizon. The Unions in Sweden have also publicly announced their support for CWA and have pledged more support and have already sent some of their workers to support us on the picket lines. Today Secretary Treasurer Dobry met with retired steelworkers in Baltimore and they have vowed their support and will be joining us on the picket lines. The UPS workers all across the country have been showing their support and refusing to deliver to Verizon Garages and Verizon Wireless stores where picket lines are located. Today in the Mall of Westminster (the same mall we refused to be kicked out of) a UPS driver showed up to the store with a delivery and thanked our members for standing up to greed. As he headed down the hallway out of sight from the public a few wireless workers tried to persuade him to deliver the packages secretly. Unlike the spineless scab sean odegard this Brother was a man of convictions a man with a spine a man with morals and like many of the Brothers and Sisters of the Teamsters he stood with us. He is probably getting a good nights rest after he honorable put his children to bed. Scabs like odegard ,clayton taylor ,myron wise are busy living off the wages and benefits you are fighting for. You can tell who they are, when they see the camera they quickly try to hide their face. Imagine going home at night and telling your kids or family that you are a worthless scab and that you have to hide your face in public. Not me I will walk and stand proud, I have a backbone, a spine, and I am a member of CWA and the President of CWA Local

2100. Today many volunteers showed up to the hall to help Secretary Treasurer Dobry. Thank you for your time but more importantly thank you for allowing me to be proud.

When most of you start reading this e-mail our elected Brothers and Sisters will be sitting across the table from the scumbags liars and greedy cheats representing the company. Around a year ago I sent a message to everyone announcing the passing of "Boots". At that time I told a story of how I first met "Boots". In 1996 I was attending a pre strike rally at a big convention hall at a hotel in Baltimore. As Boots stood tall at the podium he was telling a story about how the then President of CWA Morty Bahr was the most popular and proud member of the AFL CIO and when he walked into a meeting of AFL CIO that everyone stood and shook his hand. Boots went on to say that it was because the telephone man had the best wages, the best pension, the best vacation, and the best many things Boots then SLAMMED HIS FIST ON THE PODIUM AND WITH HIS DEEPEST LOUDEST VOICE ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS BECAUSE THE TELEPHONE MAN IS GOING ON STRIKE !!!!! THE TELEPHONE MAN IS GOING ON STRIKE!!!! Brothers and Sisters we may not all be a telephone man but DAMN IT WE ARE ON STRIKE ! WE ARE ON STRIKE! AND WE ARE GOING TO STAY ON STRIKE UNTIL WE GET A CONTRACT!!!

There are less then 400 associates that decided to cross the picket lines. Less then 1% of 40000 Striking members! Company wasn't expecting that strength. Stay Strong and United!! We will not leave anyone behind and we will not forget who turned their back on us and decided to scab!!

The walrus is rubbing his belly with peanut oil and the squirrels are chewing

"They can only do that if you let them"

*Mike Somers *

President

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