

News Statement

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Statement of US Labor Secretary Thomas E. Perez on the ongoing labor dispute involving Verizon workers

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Labor today issued the following statement on the ongoing labor dispute involving Verizon workers.

"The parties involved in the Verizon labor dispute, including the senior leadership of the unions and the company and their bargaining teams, met today in Washington with Labor Secretary Tom Perez and Allison Beck, an experienced federal mediator who the parties agreed today would assist in the ongoing contract negotiations. Discussions will continue in Washington this week under the auspices of the Department of Labor. The parties further agreed that during these talks they will make no public statements, nor will there be comments from the federal officials involved.

"I'm encouraged by the parties' continued commitment to remain at the bargaining table and work toward a resolution," Secretary Perez said. "We will continue to facilitate conversations to help the unions and the company reach an agreement."