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Contract Negotiations – Update

The Local 602 Negotiation Team has worked hard to convince the MCDCA to agree to a fair contract. Unfortunately, I must inform you that the MCDCA has not yet budged off of economic terms that are unacceptable and that do not even properly fund our Pension, Health and Welfare and Apprentice Training Funds. It does not appear that a contract will be reached by August 1, 2010.

The Local has granted me the authority to call a strike. That is an awesome responsibility that I will exercise with restraint and only as a last resort. We have not yet reached that point and I hope that the MCDCA will wake up so that no strike necessary.

Many of you have asked what you should do if there is no contract on August 1. The answer is that unless you hear from me to the contrary, the contract will continue on a day-to-day basis. This means you should report to work and continue on a day-to-day basis. This means you should report to work and continue to perform your duties as a skilled craftsman. Don't be swayed by rumors and refrain from any individual action. We must stay unified, disciplined and act as a group. This is the union way and our best path to a fair contract.

Your bargaining committee will continue to bargain in good faith to make sure that we get a fair contract that we can recommend for ratification. Stay tuned and let your company know that you are not happy with the MCDCA proposals. Your support is essential for the Local to succeed at the bargaining table during these difficult times.

Please check this website for further updates along with specific steps that can be taken to show the employer that the Local negotiating committee has the support of the membership.