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Attention: ATU Local 998 Members (MILWAUKEE)



Reference: Updates on "Contract" and "Right to Work"

In Milwaukee, it is our understanding from our attorneys, including the ATU International's attorneys that we are not subject to the "Right to Work" law. From our attorneys' opinion, we are "public sector" employees, which means, we would "not" fall under the "Right to Work" law, and will continue to negotiate a fair contract. If we are considered "private sector," that means, we would fall under the "Right to Work" law. What does that mean under this law? Members have the right to withdraw from the union. If we do not have 51% of our members to remain in the union, we will be decertified, and the company can implement their contract proposals and any other rules they choose. If that would occur, the Union will have no "collective bargaining rights."

As of now, we (the union) and the company are discussing contract proposals. Unfortunately, there is no progress, as both company and union are upholding their positions. According to the company's attorney, "Right to Work" is going to benefit them (the company). Therefore, he is making no movement to get anything done until a decision has been made on "Right to Work" and where we (the union) stand under the new law, whether private or public sector. We will continue to negotiate a fair contract.

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