

February 2, 2007

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c/o Brian Topp

Dear Richard,

I regret I cannot be at your rally today but I wanted you and your members to know that I am there in spirit.

Nobody wants to be on strike. It is a difficult decision to make. But there are certainly times when reasonable people know that they need to stand up together for their rights or else they take a giant step backwards.

You have decided that this is one of those times.

You are in a very tough struggle facing a determined opposition. The industry is already in tough times. But we can't choose the conditions when it comes time to stand up for what's right.

I have been on strike myself and I have been in many rounds of bargaining. I know the key to success is the determination and solidarity of the membership in support of their elected bargaining committee.

What usually helps is to get the litigators out of the process and to get the parties directly affected back to the bargaining table to solve their problems face to face. I hope that happens soon with your dispute.

My best wish for a successful resolution in the near future.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Nash". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Peggy Nash, MP
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