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SPEEA, IFPTE Local 2001, supports striking Teamster 174 members

Ted Bunstine, President
Teamsters Local 174
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Dear President Bunstine,

The 16,700 professional aerospace workers represented by SPEEA, IFPTE Local 2001, in Washington, strongly support the concrete mixer drivers, dump truck drivers, cement plant and construction employees who were forced to strike by Gary Merlino Construction, Stoneway Concrete, Salmon Bay Sand & Gravel, Cadman, Lehigh Cement, and CalPortland as they work to negotiate fair contracts.

With the demand for these workers' increasing daily, it is unconscionable for employers to resist negotiating contracts that respect their contributions. To take a hard line against employees during the holiday season shows a complete disregard for the workers who ensure concrete flows and construction continues.

As leaders of our professional aerospace labor union, we stand with our Teamster Local 174 Brothers and Sisters during these harsh and difficult times.

It is our hope, these employers come to their senses and realize without the experienced and dedicated Teamster members, the profits will rightly stop.

Sincerely,

Ryan Rule
President

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