

Ohio Senate Statehouse Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Adam Grzybicki, President AT&T Ohio 150 E. Gay, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Grzybicki,

We write today in support and solidarity of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) D4.

Roughly 4,500 Ohio workers have been working without a contract since April 14, 2018. CWA Midwest and Legacy T workers want a fair contract that addresses employment security, jobs of the future and the return of offshored and outsourced work.

In a November 8<sup>th</sup> press release, AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson stated that AT&T would commit to investing an additional \$1 billion in the U.S., should the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" be signed into law. He further stated that analysis suggested that such investment would result in the creation of 7,000 additional jobs.

It is our understanding that just weeks after the tax bill passed, AT&T laid off 1,500 workers. We also were advised that, in addition to the previous surplus following the passage of the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act", AT&T announced another surplus list.

The collective bargaining process is designed to bring both sides together to reach a fair and equitable solution. We stand with the workers of Ohio and we support the CWA's bargaining position for job security, healthcare, and the return of contracted outsourced and offshored jobs.

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Sincerely,

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