



LOCAL 2-21 C.A.T. Letter

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This is a difficult CAT letter to write because as I'm writing this, (Thursday afternoon) our international is negotiating with NewPage on concerns we brought forth while we met with them in Taylor, Michigan on Tuesday and Wednesday. While I'd like to wait until I hear from the international before sending this CAT letter; I can't. I need to get to the people that are going on their long weekend to inform them there will be informational meetings held at the union hall on Wednesday, February 24th 2010.

This is what I can tell you at this time. There will definitely be informational meetings held on Wednesday, I cannot tell you what the message will be. As it stands right now; it would be to explain why I feel we cannot accept the present company proposal and how the language will affect us. On the other hand, if our District Director Mike Bolton (and associates) is successful, the meeting might be to share that news.

Regardless of the information we receive, there will be a vote pertaining to this contract on Friday, February 26th. Before you flip out over having a vote, come to the meetings so you can understand why. There is a ton of information we received that we need to share with all of you. Even if you are an active member where you attend every union meeting and every stewards meeting, there is still a lot of information you do not have. Please attend these meetings. I expect the hall to be packed at each meeting so I'll keep it as short as possible but I won't be cutting any corners as far as sharing information with you. I'll also be around all day to answer any questions one on one if you desire.

Informational Meetings

Where: Union Hall

When: Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00AM, Noon, 2:30PM and 3:30PM

Contract Vote

Where: Union Hall

When: Friday February 26th from 5:30AM to 7:00PM

Thank you for your support.

In Solidarity,

Bryon Branstrom