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Talks continued Tuesday in the health care discussion group. While we are still far apart, a complete understanding of all the benefit issues is necessary if we are to be able to resolve this dispute. This is true whether the resolution is before or after a strike.

As you can imagine, there are a lot of complex details on the issue of benefits, including medical, prescription drugs, disability, dental, vision, insurance and much more for both active employees and those that will retire under this contract. Your bargaining committee wants to have a full and complete understanding of any changes that AT&T is proposing.

We understand that the time this is taking is frustrating both to members and to our bargaining committee. We also understand that 20,000 families in the midwest are counting on us! Discussions are continuing today around benefit details.

Mobilization News: Ramp it Up!! While our mobilization efforts have created some movement by the company, there is still no progress on any of our key issues. We must take our efforts to a higher level in order to move the company and win a fair contract!

Across the district members are pumped up and prepared to fight to win a fair contract! Yesterday, about 20 active and retired members of Local 4302 stormed the Best Buy in Akron, Ohio handing out fliers and confronting the manager with CWA organizing material. They were asked to leave the store immediately and some of the members got a personal escort from security. Of course, they all let the manager know "WE'LL BE BACK" real soon.

Tomorrow, members from around the district will be converging on Indianapolis for a Justice Rally. Contact Local 4900 for more details. Plans are in the works for several more events over the next week.

As we enter the eleventh day of Mobilization: Phase Two, staff has been meeting with Stewards to discuss strike preparations and the mobilization plans in more detail. Contact your Local's Mobilization Coordinator or officers to find out more.

Tell your family and friends to go to <http://www.standupforworkers.com> Sign the online support statement. Then, ask them to forward the e-mail to everyone they know!

The next bargaining report will be on Thursday, April 16, or sooner should developments warrant.