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Negotiations are set to resume today. We are now a month past the expiration of our contract and a resolution is long overdue! Our bargaining committee has worked extremely hard to find solutions to all of the problems that face us. We still have many key issues unresolved and have reviewed the company's retrogressive demands many times since bargaining began. Perhaps, we should review some of what we told them back on February 24th when we opened negotiations in the Midwest.

In his opening remarks on that day, Vice President Seth Rosen told AT&T:

"AT&T is a successful and profitable company, even in these troubled economic times. We believe that it should be a leader in helping to turn the economy around and provide good middle class jobs. This is not the time to be lowering the standard of living for employees or diminishing benefits....A quality workforce needs and deserves quality wages, benefits, pensions and secure employment...New employees in emerging areas of business who have been hired as temporaries have also been part of this success. This contract needs to bring these employees more fully into the family so that they can share in the success that they helped to create....We are in tough times. However, we believe that we won't get out of tough times unless companies like AT&T do their part to help a struggling economy and support the future of middle class jobs...CWA and AT&T have a long-standing relationship. While we don't always agree, we are here, ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work at solving the problems that face all of us and negotiate a contract that helps us move forward."

After more than 10 weeks, we think AT&T understands exactly what we mean by "a contract that helps us move forward." These negotiations will conclude as soon as AT&T is willing to put that understanding into action. We hope when bargaining resumes today, we can make progress toward that goal.

Mobilization News: Local 4319 will be holding a rally on Thursday, May 7, in Toledo, Ohio. Vice President Seth Rosen and Ohio AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Petee Talley will be the guest speakers.

Local 4320 in Columbus, Ohio will be holding a Family Mobilization for Health Care Wednesday night at several locations around Columbus. "We want AT&T to see the faces of the people—our kids—who are affected by AT&T's health care," a Local activist explained, "It's not just our members."

You can stay on top of things by joining the Ready@AT&T network: Text the word, "READY" to 69866 for regular mobilization updates.

Please go to www.standupforworkers.com and sign our online support statement and spread the word among your family and friends.

The next bargaining report will be on Wednesday, May 6, or sooner should developments warrant.



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