

COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA
DISTRICT 4



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CWA D4 AT&T Midwest Bargaining Report #79

Informal talks continued in the Midwest on Thursday with a comprehensive review of unresolved issues. While we made some progress, there are still critically important issues that remain unresolved. Talks will continue today and throughout the weekend.

Meanwhile, local leaders and activists from District 4 converged on Capitol Hill this week and met with Senators and Congressmen throughout the Midwest.

We got a growing number of Members of Congress and the Senate to commit to send letters to Randall Stephenson encouraging AT&T to get a fair contract with CWA. Out of approximately one hundred members of Congress and the Senate from across the country, nearly three dozen from our District have already sent letters to AT&T.

Our elected leaders got an earful from CWA activists about how a profitable company like AT&T, that should be leading the way out of this recession was, instead, not willing to commit to preserve middle class jobs.

The intense lobbying over the last few days will continue when these politicians arrive home for the Congressional recess next week. Our elected officials of both parties understand that we need to preserve good jobs in the Midwest.

The next report will be **Monday, June 29**, or sooner should developments warrant.

PS: Just a Reminder:

CWA members DO NOT cross picket lines, nor do we use “Contractor Doors” as access to perform “struck work.” Although we are not at the same bargaining table with the IBEW in the ongoing at\$ negotiations, we know that all CWA members will give full support to our brothers and sister IBEW members. TOGETHER we are: “Proud of Our Past * Poised For The Future * United In Solidarity.”

If you can, JOIN us at the IBEW Rally Tonight at 225 W. Randolph, Chicago for the IBEW Local 21 “Contract Countdown beginning at 9PM til Midnight

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