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Mr. Ivan Seidbert
Chief Executive Officer
Verizon Corporation
140 West St.
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Seidbert:

I am writing to express my support for the many Verizon employees who are seeking union representation through the process of majority sign up. Many of Lowell's citizens are union members who hope that Verizon will respect its employee's right to join a union of their choice, free from interference by management.

Majority sign up is the fairest way for workers to decide for themselves whether they wish to be represented by a union. Employees should be afforded this opportunity. If employees are allowed to organize in this way, the result will be a better-trained and more satisfied workforce. I know first hand that this is the case. My father was a union worker at Verizon for many years, and my family thrived in large part due to the benefits provided by Verizon and the union. I support future generations of Verizon workers being able to enjoy the benefits that Verizon provided to my father and his family.

I urge you to promptly address this important issue and begin negotiations with employee representatives. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully,

William F. Martin, Jr.
Mayor