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**Re: Contract Negotiations with the Communications Workers of America**

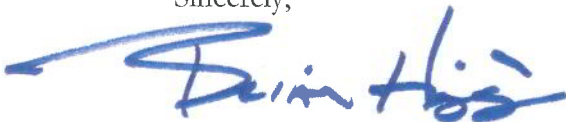
Dear Sirs:

I am concerned to have learned that with the contract between Verizon Communications and the Communications Workers of America set to expire within one week, the differences between the positions of labor and management appear to remain substantial and wide-ranging. In the current context it is particularly regrettable, from my perspective, that Verizon has reportedly advanced a proposal to eliminate all job security provisions of the contract.

Given the strategic importance of Verizon's communications infrastructure to the whole economy of Western New York and the entire Northeastern United States, I urge both parties to approach the bargaining table with a degree of seriousness which is commensurate with the gravity of the present situation and to negotiate in good faith.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Brian Higgins  
Member of Congress