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Lowell McAdam  
President and CEO  
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140 West St.  
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Dear Mr. McAdam,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the current strike by unionized employees representing the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) due to the apparent lack of progress in meaningful bargaining with Verizon management.

I understand that there are approximately 45,000 Verizon workers who have gone on strike as a response to the erosion of bargaining discussions. Close to 4,000 of those on strike reside in Virginia, and have stopped receiving paychecks. These hard-working individuals are taking a significant risk in putting the security of their jobs on the line for fair and equitable discussions concerning their bargaining rights. Collective bargaining rights are enshrined in the laws of this country and can only be successful when both parties engage in the process with a mindset that allows for a potential resolution that can be acceptable to both sides.

Since CWA and IBEW have made it clear that they will return to work once Verizon management engages in productive and meaningful bargaining over their deserved benefits, I strongly encourage a timely, positive resolution to this situation. During these difficult economic times, it is important that a strong company such as yours be a leader among employers in the nation. I urge you to renew meaningful and productive bargaining which will result in a mutually acceptable agreement that recognizes the important role played by Verizon employees in the company and our community.

Sincerely,



James P. Moran  
Member of Congress