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Mr. Lowell McAdam
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Dear Mr. McAdam:

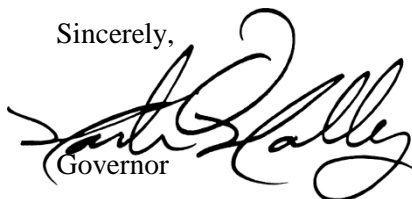
I'm writing to ask you to redouble your efforts to achieve an equitable agreement with the members of the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who are currently on strike.

Now more than ever, it's critically important for all of us to recognize that we are all in this together, and we need to work together in order to move our country forward to the better and more prosperous times that lay ahead.

In times which call for a laser-focus on job creation and retention – jobs with decent wages and decent benefits – it is critically important that Maryland's Unionized Verizon employees are able to maintain a standard of living which allows them to provide for their families.

It is my hope that both sides will negotiate an agreement in good faith, which protects jobs and the quality of life of Maryland employees, while also protecting Verizon's competitive position in these times of rapid economic change.

Sincerely,


Governor