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Brothers and Sisters:

The whole point of unions is to stick together. One employee is at the mercy of an employer. When two or more employees work together to raise their wages and get better benefits, they stand a better chance of succeeding. That is the whole reason Unions exist.

Likewise, different unions need to stick together. When unions work with one another on jobsites, those jobsites have a better chance of using Union contractors and using Union employees. When one union works to undermine another union, the unity is shattered.

Unions are under tremendous attacks. From a Governor who has sought to destroy us from day one to a Supreme Court bent on taking away the safety net of federal law, we are under attack from anti-union forces. We don't need more enemies. We need our friends to be our friends.

Another union has instructed its members to cross our picket lines. There is no excuse for this lack of support. The union now seeks to blame us for actually addressing the problem and working to get the work for our members.

All families have arguments and disagreements. But true families solve their differences and move on. It is time for unions to support unions. It is time for solidarity. It is time to honor picket lines and do the right thing.

This is not the time for unions to attack one another. 17 years ago, when the terrorists attacked, we proudly stated, "United We Stand" in response to the threats. 17 years later, we still need to shout "United We Stand" and mean it!

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