



December 5, 2007

Jeff Bartlett
President and General Manager
WMUR-TV
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Dear Mr. Bartlett:

I am a strong believer in collective bargaining, and have seen first-hand how employers and workers benefit when both parties negotiate in good faith. I believe businesses are more productive, achieve more positive growth, and that families and communities are strengthened by solid contracts. For that reason, I am writing you today to urge you to resolve an ongoing contract dispute between WMUR and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. I hold both your station and the IBEW in high regard - my brother is an IBEW member in North Carolina. As you may know, I supported a unionization drive for other IBEW workers at your station in 2004, and was pleased to hear that a positive resolution was achieved. It has come to my attention that a second set of WMUR workers won an NLRB certified election at the station over a year ago, but remain without a contract.

I urge you to sit down immediately with the IBEW to negotiate in good faith, so that this new unit of workers can enjoy the benefits of a collective bargaining agreement, and your station can move forward in providing a valuable service to your viewership. Regardless of the size of the unit of workers, the principle of good faith bargaining is immeasurable. I hope that you will take action now and come to a swift and positive resolution.

I will be paying close attention to this matter in the coming weeks, and look forward to hearing about a positive conclusion in the near future. The right to form a union and to bargain collectively is a basic human right that enhances our democracy, and it is a right that I wholeheartedly support. As a person dedicating my life to strengthening the middle class and creating opportunity for all of America's families, I know that negotiating a contract with these workers will make a real difference, and that your station and its owners will benefit, as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Edwards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "J" and "E".

John Edwards