



December 6, 2007

Jeff Bartlett
President and General Manager
WMUR-TV
100 South Commercial St.
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Dear Mr. Bartlett:

I am concerned about a situation at your television station, regarding technical workers who decided to form a local union with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. They did so because of significant wage disparities, and chaotic scheduling which makes it difficult for workers to schedule time with their families. It is my understanding that even though the workers won union affiliation over a year ago, they still do not have a first contract. I would like to see the situation at the station resolved in a timely manner.

The freedom to form a union must include the right to bargain a fair contract within a reasonable time frame. This is one of many reasons that I strongly support reforming our nation's labor laws through the Employee Free Choice Act. I have always supported the right to organize. As Governor I restored the right to collectively bargain for state employees, and as President I will continue to stand with working families, and appoint a union member as the Secretary of Labor.

As a candidate for the highest office in this nation, I am watching this situation closely and expect that it will be resolved in a timely and fair manner. These workers have expressed their desire to have a voice on the job and a say in their working conditions and you should honor that choice. 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.

Sincerely,

Governor Bill Richardson

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