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Dear Mr. Fageaux and Mr. Berry:

We urge you both to come back to the bargaining table quickly and work towards a fair resolution. It is crucial that both sides come back together and settle this dispute for the good of the workers, the employers and both our local and national economies.

The clerical workers of ILWU Local 63's Office Clerical Unit (OCU), most of whom are women, have been trying to negotiate an agreement with the terminal operators and the 14 employer members of the Harbor Employer Association for over two years and have continued working without a contract during that time.

Combined, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach make up the largest port complex in our nation and the 6th busiest port complex in the world. There are already several ships sitting at berth or at anchor and every minute that terminals sit idle is a loss to workers, employers and our economy. We urge you both to move quickly to minimize the economic impact of this dispute. This country is depending on you to come back to the table and try again. We have faith that you can work to bring both sides together for a fair resolution so that America's Port continues to move forward.

Sincerely,


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