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To: All Employers under Local 2013 Collective Bargaining Agreements,

As you know, a Stimulus Package being developed in Washington, D.C. and expected to be approved at any time now that will assist American businesses and workers alike as we deal with the COVID 19 Pandemic. We urge you all to do your best to hold off on making rash premature decisions and actions; keep workers on payrolls and avoid layoffs as long as possible.

Premature action on your part may cost you and your workers, our members, eligibility to economic benefits that are still being debated and developed in this Stimulus. Moreover, at a time in history unlike one we seen before, to push workers off of Healthcare benefits and eligibility during a Health epidemic is an unconscionable action. At a time when workers and their families need their healthcare benefits the most... the answer is NOT to stop providing the benefit that is their lifeline to medical testing and care when they are most at risk and susceptible to economic ruin as a result of lapsed medical coverage.

We are doing our best to share information that will benefit employers as well as workers as it is developed and reviewed for proper understanding and distribution. We hope you will work with us to do the same.

Sincerely,

Louis Mark Carótenuto, President

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