



DONOVAN RICHARDS
President

CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS
120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD
KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK 11424

718.286.3000
www.queensbp.org
info@queensbp.org

June 2, 2021

Mr. Tino Wohlfahrt
Mr. Alexander Kappner
DO & CO NY Catering, Inc.
14932 132nd St,
Queens, NY 11430

Dear Sirs:

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 2013 alerted my office that DO & CO NY Catering, Inc. has failed to protect the seniority of hard working New Yorkers. As a company who does business in Queens, I hope and expect you to appreciate your workers, who have made and continue to make your company successful.

Lay-offs may have been a necessity due to the absence of flights during the earlier months of the pandemic. However, I find it outrageous that these union workers, upon recall after 7 months, must suffer a decline in benefits. Your approach to the COVID-19 global emergency is unacceptable and disingenuous. Additionally, your company received a Federal PPP loan which is to be used for employee wages and/or benefits.

DO & CO NY Catering, Inc.'s decision to strip away longevity rights for recalled employees' needs to be reconsidered. Longevity is something that should be treasured and respected. To bring back these long time workers as "new" workers affects pay rates, paid time off allowances and other benefits and rights.

We are calling on DO & CO NY Catering, Inc. to stop this practice immediately, respect these loyal employees, and reinstate/bridge seniority for the 43 UFCW Local 2013 members' (and future recalls of workers laid off due to the unforeseen pandemic).

DO & CO NY Catering, Inc. should not take advantage of the pandemic. This is truly distasteful and not the type of action that this office supports.

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

DONOVAN RICHARDS
President
Borough of Queens