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UNITED STATES MEMBER OF CONGRESS
32nd DISTRICT

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Ben Flamm
Fund For Public Interest Research
3435 Wilshire Blvd., Suite #385
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Mr. Flamm:

I am writing to express my concern about the labor dispute between the Fund for Public Interest Research and its employees. As a staunch defender of workers' rights, I urge you to reach an agreement with the canvassers and callers employed by your company in an expeditious manner.

It is my understanding that canvassers and callers employed by the Fund For Public Interest Research voted in June and September of this year to be represented by Teamsters Local 848 for the purpose of collective bargaining. As a Member of Congress, I feel strongly that the right of workers to form unions and to bargain collectively is an internationally recognized human right because it is essential to a free and democratic society. Unions make a powerful positive contribution to our nation by negotiating good wages and benefits for their members. That is why I am concerned about the labor dispute at the Fund, where employees at the Fund have clearly expressed their support for a union contract.

I commend you for recently returning to the negotiating table and urge you to build upon this positive development by moving expeditiously to reach a fair and equitable contract. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



HILDA L. SOLIS
Member of Congress

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