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Brothers & Sisters:

Just over a month ago I wrote a letter (*dated September 6th, 2008*) to International President Jim Little and informed him of the lack of support and direction both from the ATD and International during the negotiation process. Mr. Little responded (*letter dated September 10th*) and requested we meet to discuss the issues in person. A meeting was arranged and we met, along with most Line and Base Presidents. All present expressed their frustration and communicated to Mr. Little **“changes need to be made”**. After several hours of discussion Mr. Little requested that we submit our proposal of the changes we would like to see in the M&R negotiations structure.

We drafted and submitted an ***M&R Negotiations Restructuring Plan*** to Mr. Little for review. Questions on some of our objections were raised that needed additional clarification. We followed up and answered his questions and resubmitted our proposal.

In addition Mr. Little requested a Special Presidents Council Meeting for November 6th. His intention is to be responsive to issues that have been raised by some of the Presidents, including strategy, tactics and any concerns related to the TWU/AA Negotiations prospectively.

Inclosing, I encourage the membership to stay vigilant and support one another during these difficult times. We need to get back to being a “Union”, to be as one.

“United we stand” “Divided we fall”

In Solidarity,
John Iuliano
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