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**Brothers and Sisters,**

There have been some inquiries in regard to how negotiations have been developing. Your negotiating team has been working very hard and remains focused on our goal. Some have asked "What's taking so long"? Negotiations are at times drawn out and stressful that requires diligence, strength and unity to be successful. We have a schedule and part of our strategy is to reach a tentative agreement on or prior to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

We have met with the company consistently every week since the beginning of this year. Most of us fly into Dallas, Texas on Monday morning and meet at 12:30 till 15:00. On Tuesday through Thursday we meet from 08:30 to 17:00 and sometimes later if necessary. On Friday we meet from 08:30 till 12:00, then fly back home for the weekend. We travel back to Dallas on Monday and begin the process again. Another question asked "How long do you meet with the company"? When we do meet with the company to present one or more articles for discussion, it can take anywhere from several minutes to several hours. These discussions will continue until we reach a tentative agreement on all the articles. We will then have a full text copy of the tentative agreement for review for 30 days prior to a ratification vote taking place.

Please realize we have an enormous task that will take time. We will not be pressured for the sake of expediency. Your trust and support is needed and gives us the power to stand strong. Visit our local website for the latest updates ([www.twu562.org](http://www.twu562.org)).

**"A chain is only as strong as its weakest link"**  
**"UNITED WE STAND-DIVIDED WE FALL"**

**Sincerely & Fraternaly,**  
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