



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of MACHINISTS**  
**and AEROSPACE WORKERS**  
**DISTRICT LODGE No. 160**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On March 25, 2013, sixty-three (63) members of Local Lodge 79, District Lodge 160, in Seattle, Washington, went on strike against Belshaw Adamatic Bakery. Our sisters and brothers are going into the 9<sup>th</sup> week of the strike and there has not been any real movement from the company.

Like all unions, Local Lodge 79 is fighting to maintain medical coverage, better wages and improved working conditions. The company was strongly against our medical benefits.

The morale of our members is as good as can be expected. This strike has been an extreme hardship on all them and their families in these difficult economic times. We appeal to you for any financial assistance you can render in support of our fight to obtain a fair contract. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by our striking members and will help them to stay strong on the front line.

This strike is sanctioned by the Executive Council and all contributions should be made by check or money order, payable to the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, who, in conformity with the Grand Lodge Constitution, will acknowledge receipt of same and forward the amount to our Lodge.

In Solidarity,

Clifton La Plant, President  
Local Lodge 79

cc: Gary Allen, GVP  
Melody Coffman, BR  
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Approved by:

*R. Thomas Buffenbarger*