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## **THE IAM UNION URGES SUPPORT FOR IAM-REPRESENTED APPLE RETAIL WORKERS IN TOWSON, MARYLAND AND DEMANDS THAT APPLE CEASE RETALIATORY AND DISCRIMINATORY STORE CLOSURE**

In 2022, after a hard-fought organizing campaign with intense anti-union resistance, workers at the Apple Retail Store in Towson, Maryland became the first in the nation to unionize with the IAM Union. After fighting company pushback and repeated violations of the National Labor Relations Act, these brave workers reached their first collective bargaining agreement in 2024. **Now, Apple has announced the closure of the Towson store. The store will close to the public on June 20, 2026.**

The IAM Union, which represents the Towson Apple Store workers, has filed an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) charge with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), **citing discriminatory treatment against unionized Apple workers at the Towson store.**

The closure is not based on store profitability nor on worker productivity. The closure at Towson is happening despite record quarterly profits and a rising stock price. Apple store sales keep growing and retail stores have been a sales driver for Apple.

**This closure will result in approximately 90 IAM-represented workers at Towson Town Center losing their jobs in an uncertain economy.** These skilled workers will have limited opportunities to relocate to other stores in the Baltimore region, apparently by design—Apple employees at other closing stores are allowed to continue their roles at nearby Apple Retail stores through transfers. Towson employees can only apply for open roles at Apple, without the guarantee of transfer. And as of today, Apple is not relocating the Towson store to a nearby retail space—leaving the largest city in Maryland without an Apple store presence and no Apple stores within public transportation access routes.

Support for these workers has come in the form of letters from Congress, including a letter from the Congressional Labor Caucus urging the NLRB to investigate Apple's actions quickly, as well as letters to Apple in support of these workers from the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the Maryland congressional delegation, Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, and a community rally in Towson that brought together elected officials, labor leaders, and local residents in a collective outcry against Apple's union-busting tactics. **But more is needed. We need additional Congressional pressure and outreach to Apple to tell them to do the right thing, and allow these workers to transfer to other locations.**