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Dear Linda:

Members of the UNITE HERE hospitality industry union who are employed by hotels in major cities where collective bargaining agreements will be renegotiated in 2006 have beefed up their strike fund contributions in anticipation of a possible fight.

In Chicago, hotel workers voted to increase their strike fund contributions by \$10 per month. UNITE HERE locals representing hotel workers in Toronto, New York, Hawaii, Los Angeles, and Boston have already increased their strike fund contributions, while major hotel contracts in those cities expire in 2006.

Currently, the Union is preparing for negotiations in Toronto due to the January expiration date of that City's hotel contracts. The union's leadership in Toronto has taken a number of steps to increase the strike fund.

The number of hotels with labor contracts expiring in 2006 was an important issue for the UNITE HERE Union during contract bargaining in 2004. The International Union sought two-year contracts in some major cities in an effort to align contracts in other major cities throughout North America to give the Union the clout it says it needs to bargain with national and multinational hotel chains.

Hotel workers in Washington, D.C. accepted a contract with a three-year term. Los Angeles hotel workers reached an agreement with a 2006 expiration date but with a compromise clause that shifts the expiration to the end of the year when settlement perhaps would already have been reached on contracts in four of the other major cities.

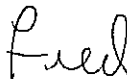
Local 2 in San Francisco has continued sporadic bargaining with the San Francisco Multi-Employer Group, but still has not reached a labor agreement, even after a strike and lockout in fall 2004. The union continues its call for a boycott of the hotels as well as properties in other cities owned by the hotel chains.

We need to remain vigilant.

All the best,

Sincerely yours,

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