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Brother Lister:

Thank you for the briefing on IBEW Local 48's ongoing negotiations with Siemens Healthcare. I am very concerned about the slow progress of bargaining. Please inform me of the results of your June 30th and July 1st meeting with Siemens. The Oregon AFL-CIO will conduct its quarterly Executive Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 7th, at our Portland Office. Please be prepared to brief the leaders of Oregon's union movement on your progress.

On behalf of the 310,000 members and 55 affiliate unions of the Oregon AFL-CIO we will offer any assistance you require for the Siemens workers to be successful. I also can act as a convener for IBEW to have in-depth discussion on the progress of your bargaining with the Oregon Nursing Association, the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Care Professionals, and the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, together representing over 25,000 hospital workers.

As we discussed, the Oregon AFL-CIO has many resources that you may assess for the Siemens Healthcare Campaign from door-to-door canvassing, to educating the public, to our communications department which can produce and write advertisements, design and print brochures, pamphlets, or whatever else in printed material you might require. As we discussed at our June 2nd meeting, we have been able to engage elected leaders of City Councils, Oregon's Legislature and other public officials to become directly involved in organizing and collectively bargaining campaigns. After hearing the progress of your negotiations, I believe you would have no trouble in gaining their support.

In Solidarity

Tom Chamberlain President