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Dear Mr. Kirylo and Mr. Buonopane,

I am writing in support of United Steelworkers Local 12003 and United Steelworkers Local 12012-4, as you negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement with National Grid.

Unions like the United Steelworkers fight tirelessly every day to improve the lives of workers in Massachusetts and across the country. Local 12003 and 12012-4 members provide National Grid with a skilled workforce that enables the safe delivery of energy to millions of customers across the Commonwealth. Your members are in a line of work that is often very dangerous, but the investment in training and safety by the union ensures that they are among the best-trained and most experienced personnel in their field.

In the midst of these negotiations, please know that your efforts are most appreciated. I recognize that tensions are high as you approach a deadline for resolution, but I know that you will continue working towards the result that your members deserve.

I look forward to a fair resolution of these negotiations for you and your members. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of your members and unions everywhere.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator