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Dear Joe and John:

I write to express my strong support for United Steelworkers Local 12003 and United Steelworkers Local 12012-4 in your negotiations of successor collective bargaining agreements for the members you represent at National Grid.

While the bargaining process may not be easy, I deeply appreciate the work that you are doing on behalf of your members in Massachusetts. When working families in our state and across the country are being squeezed harder and harder by stagnant wages and rising costs, it is more important than ever that the gas fitters, inspectors, and other workers you represent have a contract that provides strong wages, good benefits, and a secure retirement.

Every day, hard-working members of your union face tough conditions in jobs that can be extremely dangerous without adequate training and experience. Fortunately, USW ensures that its workers have the training, experience, and skills necessary to ensure their safety and the safety of the members of the public who they serve. As one of the largest utilities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am hopeful that National Grid will set a positive example by treating its workers with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Unions like USW built America's middle class and will continue to provide middle-class careers for years to come. I appreciate your work on this effort and wish you all the best in your negotiations.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senator