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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 1st, 2011

Daniel Muth
Chief Executive Officer
International Fiber Corp.
50 Bridge Street
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

I am writing to express my deep concern about International Fiber Corporation's decision to lock out more than 90 employees at its Urbana, Ohio, plant.

It is my understanding that these workers are seeking fair and equitable wages, benefits, and job security, but they have been locked out since May 3. I have also been informed that these hard-working employees and the union have asked management to lift the lockout, bring the employees back to work, and to resume negotiations in good faith, but to no avail.

I urge International Fiber Corporation to bargain in good faith with representatives of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 957. The employees have worked diligently to ensure that production at the facility meets the highest and most efficient standards. I am certain that your dedicated workforce is anxious to return to the jobs they have performed so well, for so many years.

Concerted and continuing efforts to reach a fair and equitable agreement will benefit the workers, the company, and the community at large. I urge you to resume dialogue with these workers to ensure a timely resolution to this matter. Failure to do so could result in devastating financial setbacks for these workers and their families, in addition to escalating unnecessary tension in the community.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance. Your correspondence should be directed to my Cleveland office at 1301 East 9th St., Suite 1710 Cleveland, OH 44114.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator