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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510
February 16, 2012

Rodney Nelson
President
United Steelworkers, Local 207L
1130 Summit Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Dear President Nelson:

In light of the news regarding the agreement reached between Cooper Tire and Rubber and the United Steelworkers in Texarkana, Arkansas, I want you to know that I continue to stand with the locked-out workers in Findlay. I know that you and your members are facing challenging economic times. In this manner, I ask that you keep your spirits high and continue to work diligently towards an agreement that will bring the Findlay workers back to work.

During my visit with your local union in January, I heard stories from workers about their proud history at the Findlay tire plant. Many of them come from a long line of family workers who have devoted much of their lives to making Cooper Tire and Rubber the successful tire brand that it is today.

Today, I am sending another letter to Mr. Roy Armes, the Chief Executive Officer of Cooper Tire and Rubber, urging him to work towards a fair agreement with your union that will allow for the workers to return to their jobs. Failure to do so could bring additional setbacks for the workers and their families who have sacrificed for the company.

As Ohio manufacturing continues down its path of recovery, I am confident that both management and the union look forward to the day when the workers can return to the jobs they have performed so well for so many years. I know that your union will work hard to reach an agreement. Such an agreement will benefit the entire Findlay community.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office if there are any ways I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

Cc: Robert Ditillo, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service