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Comcast Employees Seek Respect, Union Contract

IBEW Reaches Out to Workers, Launches Nationwide Campaign

WASHINGTON – Contacted by Comcast employees seeking respect on the job and the protections of a union contract, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) today is launching a campaign to provide information and support for the workers' efforts.

IBEW organizers are demonstrating nationwide at Comcast facilities, directing employees to a Web site, www.comcastworkersunited.com, which includes information about the campaign and a message from IBEW President Edwin D. Hill.

“Over the past several years, we’ve seen a boom in the telecommunications industry and the creation of many new skilled jobs,” Hill said in the message. “But not all workers are enjoying the economic potential and security of these new jobs.”

The IBEW represents cable and telecommunication workers across the United States and Canada. Comcast, the nation’s largest provider of cable TV and broadband Internet service, has strongly resisted workers’ efforts to organize and to bargain for fair and equitable contracts.

Pointing out that Comcast CEO Brian Roberts earned \$27.8 million last year, on the strength of his contract with the company, Hill said that Comcast “is fighting your right to have a contract. ... We believe you deserve a voice on the job (and compensation) fitting to your skills and the quality of your work.”

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The IBEW is an international labor organization that represents approximately 725,000 workers in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Republic of Panama. The IBEW has members in construction, utilities, manufacturing, telecommunications, broadcasting, railroads and government.