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Tom Erickson  
President  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
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Dear Brother Erickson,

On behalf of our more than 14,300 members, I write to express our strong solidarity with Teamsters Local 120 and your fight to secure a fair and just contract with Marathon Petroleum at their St. Paul Park Refinery.

National companies like Marathon have a responsibility to the local community to live up to our area wage and benefit standards if they wish to operate here. In Minnesota we value skilled union labor. We value the rights of skilled workers to earn wages and benefits they deserve, that feed their families, provide quality healthcare, and an opportunity to retire with dignity.

I can tell you from our recent experience, there are alarming signs that Marathon is changing their values in this regard. Just last year, a local union contractor that employed members of ours from this area was dismissed and replaced by a non-union contractor from out of state. We objected strongly to this dismissal, but our concerns were not taken seriously enough in my opinion.

I urge Marathon to negotiate in good faith. I urge them to do right by the skilled men and women that make their profits possible, and I urge them live up to the values of the community that allows them to operate their refinery in our backyard.

Our union stands with our Teamster brothers and sisters in your fight to get a contract that your membership deserves and has earned.

In Solidarity,

Jason George  
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