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Dear Baumann/Acme/Brookset/Alert Workers:

It has been brought to our attention that your employer and his representatives have been spreading vicious lies about your legal right to vote for Teamsters Local 1205--and lies about the union itself.

As an organization that supports the rights of immigrants here on Long Island, we want to assure you that Teamsters Local 1205 is not only an honest and strong union on behalf of all working people, but has particularly fought for the rights of immigrants from every country. Perhaps you're not aware, but the US Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis, is the daughter of immigrants, and her father was an elected Teamster Shop Steward. Ms. Solis definitely supports your right to form a union, and her department's purpose is to protect your rights.

It is outrageous that your employer is presenting Local 1205 as in any way hurtful to you. It is an ugly, desperate attempt to keep you unrepresented, and therefore underpaid. The Baumanns want you to vote against the union, or not vote at all, so they can continue to rob you of your right to fair treatment and just compensation.

Labor unions have been the number one cause of immigrants' improving their and their families' economic lives. Don't let the bosses' scare tactics keep you from getting those improvements.

If there is anything further we can do to assure you of our support in your effort to form your union, feel free to contact us. We're with you on November 20th, and we encourage you to vote for Teamsters Local 1205!

Sincerely,

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