

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take a moment to thank those of you who have been wearing red, practice picketing, and leafleting at Verizon Wireless stores. You have been sending a message to the company's bargaining unit that the members of CWA will not accept these outrageous proposals. But I ask you to please reach out to those members who have not been participating. They need to understand that Verizon will not negotiate in good faith until the membership has proven its support of the bargaining committee. And with having our President at the bargaining table we should be leading the charge to support Gil and the rest of the bargaining team.

By offering NO JOB SECURITY Verizon is attacking our Families. We need to stand together and fight. Everyone i've spoken with including our District One VP Chris Shelton, our former President Jim O'Hare, Gil and several others with negotiating experience with the phone company have all said that they have never seen the company attack our contract like the way they have now. But everyone of them also said that the past has shown that as long as the members want to fight we will win.

Most of us were not around for the 17 week strike in 1989 but those of you who were, should be telling the younger members how you felt both before and after that strike. In 89' the company thought that the members of CWA would tuck their tails between their legs and run. But instead they stood strong and to this day we still benefit from the gains that were earned by our brothers and sisters. Well, now its 2011 and were dealing with a new company aimed at busting this union. And like in 89 they feel the members of CWA will break. But thats alright because what we learned in 89 is that if we simply stand together, no matter what this company does to oppress our brothers and sisters we will fight together and WIN! We need to keep mobilizing and show this company that these are OUR JOBS! And we are gonna keep OUR GOOD UNION JOBS HERE!

Again thank you to those who have been participating in mobilization. We have more activities planned including the Mass Rally at Verizon headquarters at 140 West st in NYC on Saturday July 30, 2011. The Rally starts at 11am so we will be loading up buses at the Union Hall and leaving at 7am. This rally is open to anyone not just CWA members so if you know anyone, friends, family, relatives they are all welcome to join us. At the last Mass Rally in 2008 we had 10,000 members. This time we have buses coming from New England to Virginia to participate. So I urge all members to try to attend especially if you have not had the opportunity to experience one of these before. And if you go to [www.cwa-unon.org/verizon](http://www.cwa-unon.org/verizon) you can see pictures of Local 1118 members and members from Virginia thru New England participating in mobilization by clicking on the "view album" button on the right side of the page under "Unity @ Verizon Mobilization".

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