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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Many of you are aware that our Contract with your Employer expires tonight at midnight. Many of you may also be aware that our sister Local 1445 will be holding a Stop & Shop update meeting tomorrow morning, the 24th. At that meeting, the Local 1445 President Jeff Bollen, will be asking for a strike vote from his membership.

You may be wondering why our Local, as well as other Locals involved in these negotiations, are not holding a similar meeting yet.

At this point, Rather than upset many peoples’ lives with the concern that we may be facing an imminent strike, we will continue to bargain with your Employer with the goal of reaching an agreement. This does not mean that if these negotiations deteriorate and breakdown that we will not be calling for a strike vote, with the intention of using it.

Until then, we would ask that all of you stay united and strong. Keep taking care of your customers, as we will need their support in the event of a strike. Keep working and earning your paycheck, while we continue to do our jobs here. As always, we will continue to update everyone regularly on the progress of these negotiations.

Remember, our unity is our strength, and our strength is our unity.

Fraternally yours,

Mark A. Espinosa

President