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TO: Members of CWA Local 1298

Dear Members:

As President of CWA Local 1298, I am writing to inform you that we have been victimized by a scheme whereby unknown cyber criminals, posing as our Treasurer and using our Treasurer's illegally obtained personal email address, instructed our payroll service to improperly withdraw funds from our accounts and wire the same to fictitious out of state employees. We have determined that the amount at issue is \$438,388.00. We have no reason to believe that any union member, employee or officer was involved in this scheme. We also have no reason to believe that any member's personal information has been compromised.

Upon discovering this unauthorized activity we immediately notified our payroll company and the authorities and commenced steps to recover these funds. The FBI, the Secret Service and the Hamden Police are conducting full investigations. We have spoken with the Connecticut Attorney General who has assured us that this matter is being given the highest priority. We also are actively working with our national union which is assisting us.

We have notified our bonding company of this loss and are awaiting their formal response.

Finally, we have retained the law firm of Licari, Walsh & Sklaver, LLC to counsel us in this matter, including to investigate whether our insurance coverage may apply to reimburse any part of our loss and to pursue any and all civil remedies which may be appropriate.

I will continue to update you on our progress in recovering these funds. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

William Henderson  
President