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Office of the International President

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Dear Brother Yussuff:


This is in response to your letter of February 3, 2017, and the actions taken to date in response to a request received from Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 113 President/Business Agent Bob Kinnear. Contrary to your understanding, his letter of February 1, 2017, was not submitted on behalf of Local 113. Rather Brother Kinnear's request was a unilateral and unauthorized action by the Local President, submitted without approval by or even advanced notice to the Local's Executive Board. Furthermore, once informed, a majority of the Local's Executive Board is now on record in opposition to the request and its continued processing by the CLC. We are prepared to provide this documentation to assist the CLC in its review of this matter.

Significantly, formal action by the International was taken only after Brother Kinnear commenced legal proceedings to enjoin the International without first exhausting internal remedies available under the ATU Constitution. Moreover, the trusteeship was put in place following Brother Kinnear's flagrant disregard of the Local's bylaws and the decision making processes set forth therein. Thus, it was necessary to restore democratic procedures, ensure continuity of representation, and protect their financial interests. The ATU International President and General Executive Board acted well within their authority under the ATU Constitution and a formal trusteeship hearing will be held promptly within 30 days.

We have high regard and respect for the CLC, its mission, and processes. We agree that further discussions are necessary to fully resolve this matter and to restore normal operations as soon as possible. We, respectfully, request that you reconsider your decision, withdraw the suspension, and arrange to meet with the affected parties.

ATU Canada President Paul Thorp and I stand ready to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the important issues involved here. Please feel free to contact the undersigned or Paul Thorp to make such arrangements.

In solidarity,


Lawrence J. Hanley
International President

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