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Mayor George Harvie
Chairperson, Metro Vancouver
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Dear Mayor Harvie,

My name is Rob Ashton, and I am the National President of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. I represent approximately 15,000 workers in the ILWU Locals and Affiliates.

I am writing to you today to express my deep concern on how poorly you are treating the members of the Greater Vancouver Regional District Employees Union (GVRDEU).

In your own city you were able to come to terms with the workers, but at Metro Vancouver you are trying a heavy-handed approach to steal hard fought gains from workers in very trying times for members of the Working Class. I do hope, you do not feel, that trying to cut and slash Collective Agreements is the right way to do business. This will just lead to more labour unrest within Metro Vancouver and possible your city as we all find out how hypocritical your politics really are when it comes to workers.

I am requesting that Metro Vancouver drops their highly infuriating demands and get to some realistic negotiations with the GVRDEU.

Regards,

Rob Ashton
President

Cc: Mike Hurley, Mayor of Burnaby
Brad West, Mayor of Port Coquitlam
Jessie Medeiros, President of GVRDEU