

TOMPKINS/CORTLAND LABOR COALITION

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Ithaca School District
Employees Association

Civil Service Employees
Association Local 855

United Auto Workers
Local 2300

Sheetmetal Workers
Local 112

Painters Local 178

Plumbers Local 267

Musicians Local 132

Operating Engineers
Local 545

Civil Service Employees
Association Local 605

Teamsters Local 65

Cornell Security
Employees Union

Service Employees
Local 200A

Civil Service Employees
Association Local 561

United Food and
Commercial Workers
Local 1

Electrical Workers
Local 241

TCCC Faculty Association

Fire Fighters Local 1737

Electrical Workers
Local 961

Electrical Workers Local 79

Machinists Lodge 1607

United Auto Workers
Local 802

United Auto Workers
Local 1774

Fire Fighters Local 2737

Ithaca Teachers Association

Ithaca Paraprofessionals
Association

United Auto Workers
Local 1326

Ithaca Union of Police

United University
Professions

Laborers Local 589

Carpenters Local 603

Bricklayers Local 17

BOCES Teachers Association

Postal Workers Local 1151

Electrical Workers Local 43

Phyllis Eckhaus, Dir.
The Norman Foundation
147 East 48th Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ms. Eckhaus,

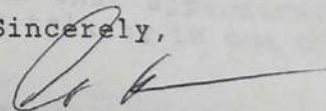
The Tompkins/Cortland Labor Coalition serves as a central labor council for unions in a two county area surrounding Ithaca, NY. Unlike other labor councils ours works diligently on behalf of organized and unorganized workers. In keeping with this commitment we have initiated assistance to more than 750 unorganized workers who are pursuing a lawsuit against the Smith-Corona Machine (SCM) Corporation for violations of the WARN law.

The Maurice and Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice has been integral to our efforts to date in terms of legal advice and networking. Given the fact that most of the workers effected by the layoffs at SCM and the fact that they have no union to represent them it is extremely difficult for them to pursue this legal action alone. Likewise the Labor Coalition does not have the financial where with all to adequately assist them.

It is clear that without continued assistance from the Center these workers will have to relinquish their rights under WARN. We look forward to financial aid and legal back up from the Center to ensure that these workers and their families will not be abandoned in their quest for justice.

Thank you for your concern and interest in our case.

Sincerely,



Coert Bonthius, Coordinator

