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February 21, 2019

**Brothers and Sisters:** 

Your mobilization efforts are paying off! We are returning to the table the week of March 11, 2019. We will send out more information as it becomes available. It is important to stay united and keep the pressure on the Company. Please continue the letter writing campaign, asking Congress to hold hearings to see where the tax cut money went.

The way for us to get the jobs and job protections promised by the Company is to hold the Company to their word. Broken promises don't cut it. Our Members deserve a fair contract and that is what we plan on getting.

In Solidarity, Ken Saether Assistant to Vice President



#### **AT\$T'S BROKEN PROMISES**

January 16, 2019

**Brothers and Sisters:** 

AT\$T CEO Randall Stephenson made big promises last year to create jobs if Congress passed the Tax Cut and Jobs Act. But instead of creating jobs, AT\$T continues to cut jobs, and the company hasn't been working with us to bargain a fair contract that keeps jobs in our communities.

But Congress is different now, and Randall Stephenson's friends who pushed that tax cut through are no longer in charge in the House of Representatives. It's time for Congress to launch an investigation to find out what happened to the billions of dollars of our money that they gave away to AT\$T.

**Handwritten letters get the attention of Congressional offices**, so we're collecting letters about why it is important to investigate AT\$T that we will deliver in person to members of Congress when they are back in their home districts during the Presidents Day Congressional recess.

Please take a few minutes to follow the instructions included in the toolkit below to write your letter.We can have a bigger impact by delivering all of the letters at once. When you have completed your letter, mail it to:

Liz VanDerWoude, President CWA Local 4250/CTU #16 18225 S Burnham Avenue, Suite 11 Lansing, Illinois 60438



If you can collect additional letters from family or friends please send those along too.

If you need to find out who your member of Congress is, visit <u>www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative</u>

In Unity There Is Strength:

Liz VanDerWoude, President CWA Local 4250/CTU #16

### SAMPLE LETTER REQUESTING INVESTIGATION OF AT\$T'S BROKEN PROMISES

DATE

Dear Representative [INSERT THEIR LAST NAME],

**STEP** 1 []

I am writing to you to ask you to support an investigation into what AT&T really did with its big tax cut and why the company is laying off workers instead of creating jobs.



Explain why this is important to you. Here are some points to choose from if you are having trouble getting started:

 $\cdot$  I have worked at AT&T for [NUMBER] years as a [INSERT JOB TITLE]. I am proud of the important work I do.

I am a member of the Communications Workers of America and we have been trying to negotiate a new contract. The company won't commit to preserving and creating good jobs and they want us to spend more of our wages on health insurance. Didn't Congress pass the corporate tax cuts so that companies like AT&T would create jobs and raise wages?

• AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson promised to create 7,000 good jobs if the corporate tax cut bill passed. Instead, the company has cut over 10,000 jobs since the bill passed.

The tax cut bill was supposed to make it harder for companies to send work overseas. AT&T is cutting jobs even though there is still plenty of work to do. I want to know where those jobs are going. Is AT&T continuing to send them to non-union and overseas contractors?

• My union, CWA, has tried to find out what the company is doing with the \$3 billion it got last year from the tax cuts. We filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board when the company wouldn't tell us. But the NLRB dismissed our complaint, so now we are asking Congress to find out what happened.

 $\cdot$  It's important for Congress to pass bills that support working people like me instead of helping make super-rich CEOs even richer. The tax bill was supposed to raise wages and create jobs. I want to know why it isn't working.

Please hold  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{AT}\&T}$  accountable to the promises it made to Congress and to America.

STEP NAME 3 [] ADDRESS

STEP

2 □

EMAIL



#### MAIL Your COMPLETED LETTERS TO CWA LOCAL 4250/CTU #16

PLEASE Get As Many Written Letters As Possible To Your CWA Local President

## In Addition To Your Letter, Please Text The Following:

**TEXT ATTtaxes TO: 69866** 

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Follow the instructions to send texts to your TWO Senators and Congressman to INVESTIGATE AT\$T Broken Promises to create new JOBS with their tax break monies.

