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Brothers and Sisters,

I am reaching out to update you on the ongoing situation involving our sister local in Alberta, IUOE Local 955, and their negotiations with the Alberta Crane Owners Association (ACOA).

After nearly 20 bargaining sessions, formal mediation between Local 955 and ACOA has ended. Unfortunately, Local 955 now faces the imminent possibility of a strike or lockout. Rather than working toward a fair agreement, ACOA has reduced their latest offer, engaging in tactics that undermine good-faith negotiations. They claim economic concerns justify disadvantaging workers—a stance that Local 955 rightfully refuses to accept.

In response, Local 955 is calling for solidarity among IUOE locals across Canada. They are asking for Alberta to be declared a **“hot zone,”** urging members from outside the province to refrain from working there until this dispute is resolved. As part of this action, they plan to **cancel all travel cards into Local 955 as of April 30th** and are requesting that members return to their home Local rather than fill positions left vacant due to the dispute.

In solidarity, **Local 115 will be supporting our Brothers and Sisters at Local 955** by immediately applying additional scrutiny to any travel card requests from members seeking to work in Alberta. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and Local 115 may prohibit members from working for Signatory Employers across the provincial border. Furthermore, if you are currently employed by a company in BC and are directed to a site in Alberta, please contact your Business Representative immediately for further direction.

Our strength has always been in our unity. When employers refuse to treat workers with fairness and respect - and when they refuse to bargain in good faith - it is our collective action that forces them to reconsider. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as it develops.

In Solidarity,



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