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BAUMANN AND SONS BUSES, INC. REFUSES JUSTICE FOR ITS WORKERS

John R. Durso, President of the 250,000 member Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, and Roger Clayman, Executive Director of the Organization, expressed total support for Teamsters Local 1205 in its contract negotiations with Baumann and Sons Buses, Inc.

"The Long Island labor movement will provide unwavering support to Teamsters Local 1205 and the Baumann workers in their efforts to win a just contract," Durso and Clayman said.

The Long Island Federation of Labor responded to a lawyer-created letter signed by Ron and Connie Baumann which was released to the media and community leaders today. The letter contains many misrepresentations of fact, but very significantly it suggests that Teamsters Local 1205 is engaged in a "campaign of hatred and terror" against the Baumann Co.

"This is a complete misrepresentation of the union's objectives in these negotiations. It has long been the method of unjust employers to present themselves as reasonable and fair and then wounded when workers stand up for their rights. There are hundreds of workers employed by Baumann making between \$11 and change and \$13 and change per hour, and they deserve better. The workers at Baumann voted by a huge majority to authorize a strike because they are looking for justice from an employer who has refused to give it," Durso and Clayman said.

"Again, we are 100 percent behind the members and leadership of Teamsters Local 1205 in their courageous fight to have the Baumann Company treat its employees fairly," they said.

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