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You Don't Say?

For those on my email list and have read the last Cow Chips flyer you read Mr. Esposito's email to the local MCO shop stewards. **Here's an excerpt of that email:**

I will again stand on my soap box and tell you to trust the people that are working for you!

And this:

Please do not take any of this the wrong way, it is the reality of the situation only, and once more people realize the only way to get this done, and done right for the majority, not one person or one station, is to TRUST the Union and those elected to work on this for you, have SOLIDARITY and when the company probes let them know, "my Union is working on it" and have PATIENCE until the Negotiating Committee and Union come back with what the best that can be achieved for all, then vote again!!!

*In Trust and Solidarity, Tommy Esposito, Business Representative, Teamsters LU 769,
tespol4@gmail.com*

After I shared this email with you all I received an email out of MCO commenting on Mr. Esposito's email. **Here's an excerpt from that email:**

As you know MCO had a petition drive to state that we didn't want Teamcare or VEBA. After getting 10 to 12 pages full of signatures someone asked Tommy about what he thought about the petition drive ? He stated that he would throw them in the trash, basically he could give a crap as to what the membership wanted. But he has always been like that, around here they call him Tommy Teamster.

Mr. Esposito is an appointed Business Agent at MCO. Do you think if he was a union official elected by and held accountable by those he represent he would make such a statement?

Do you believe Mr. Esposito's statements cultivate trust from the members he represents? I think not.

Union Proposal

Here's another excerpt from Mr. Esposito's email:

I explained yesterday that patience is going to have to be the word of the next few months, if you sit back and think about it, this was not a turned down T/A, where we now only have a few issues to go back and fix! We still have 50% of an agreement to hash out and most of that includes \$\$\$\$\$.

"We still have 50% of an agreement to hash out." Reading that and having conversations with our local negotiator here in Denver last summer he stated at the time we have about 80% of the contract agreed to.

We did argue over the difference between TA'd and an agreement. TA'd means the language has been written and agreed to. An agreement means the articles have been agreed to in principal but needs the language to be finalized and agreed to by both parties.

So, reading between the lines here it sounds like we have a union proposal with 50% TA'd and 80% agreed to. Now the question remains, why can't we see this union proposal that has been in the works for almost four years now? Some from around the system have asked that question and have not received an acceptable response if any response at all.

More Email Addresses

Below is a list of email addresses for the Principal Officers who will be overseeing the negotiations. It was explained that they will take the place of the Airline Division during the negotiations. If you email them I ask you to be professional and respectful.

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