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Teamster Funny Math

Below is an excerpt from this link describing the situation at UPS under their new Teamcare Plan:
http://www.tdu.org/ups_cashes_in_on_concessionary_contract

Tens of thousands of Teamsters face healthcare cuts under the new Teamcare health plan. In the Southwest, members are diverting over \$1,000 a year in pension contributions to pay for their healthcare. (So much for Ken Hall's promise that "members would not pay \$90, \$9 or \$9 cents" for their healthcare.)

UPS was just recently forced into Teamcare by Hoffa Jr. after the membership rejected it earlier. The IBT campaigned for Teamcare just like they are doing here at UAL. Statements such as, "it's cheaper than what we have now," and "it's better than what we have now" were made. Below is an email someone sent me describing a statement his Business Agent made.

*Our local BA is trying to get a few of us shop stewards kicked out as stewards because of our rabid anti Teamcare and VEBA push. **He is still yelling at guys to just give it a year and we all will be happy with it.** Does not care that large majority of people at this station that he represents signed a local petition to have them both removed from the process even before this contract was offered.*

"Give it a year and we all will be happy with it." Oh, and we can option out of it if we don't? This is an example of how stupid they think we are. If we approve Teamcare this could be us in a year. Robbing from one benefit to pay for another. I guess this is how the IBT funds Teamcare and claims its success. Teamster funny math.

Some negotiators have stated "it doesn't matter how many people sign the petition, Teamcare will stay in the contract." Well I guess we know what side of the bread he butters. Who works for who? Time to clean house!

Donations

I want to thank all those who donated and gave words of support and kindness. I am overwhelmed by your support and frankly surprised it only took a week to surpass my goal.

What was the most inspiring about it all was it wasn't just people from Denver or only SUAL individuals but from all around the system. There was support from SCAL as well as SUAL people. I received support from GSE as well as B&M. I even received support from those who are already retired! This is a big indication that we all have a common goal. Our concerns are the same and we all seem to be on the same page.

As I continue this movement to inform and share information I only ask you all to do the same. My success is strongly dependent on all of you to share info so I can do the same. Without your support I would only have blank pages and nothing more. As we move forward lets continue to keep the heat on in hopes of a better future for us all. Knowledge is Power!

Teamster Chaos

Think about this my friends. Think about the last eight years under the Mighty Teamsters. How yuh feelin about that today? Now think about the negotiating prowess of the Teamsters in the last seven years? How yuh feelin about that? Now think about these last few months with this proposal and the added fiasco of the Teamster voting process? How yuh feelin about that?

Now imagine the same Teamster operation in charge of your health care. Do you think they can administer our health care any better? I think not.

The only thing the IBT is great at is organizing and this is what they are currently doing today. Campaigning for Teamcare and making bold promises of something bigger and better for us. In the end we pay the price.

How badly do you regret having the IBT as your union today? Now imagine how badly you will feel with the added frustrations with Teamcare administered by the IBT. Vote no and vote loud!