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B. Thomas Goodwin, President
Fillmore Hospitality
4145 Powell Road, Suite C
Powell, Ohio 43065

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

I am writing today about the Cambria Chicago Magnificent Mile Hotel, where the employees have been on strike since September 10th, 2018.

I understand that the Cambria, which is majority-owned by the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS), is the lone holdout from a 26-hotel strike and is the only hotel demanding a workload increase for housekeepers.

Tens of thousands of Ohio families who are members of affiliates of the Ohio AFL-CIO are OPERS participants and beneficiaries. They depend on the retirement benefits they currently receive or will receive from OPERS.

I am concerned that by prolonging the strike you are exposing the state's pension investments to unnecessary risks. It appears that two neighboring universities have removed the Cambria from their preferred hotel websites, and at least two conferences that we're aware of have cancelled their room blocks. Less business at the hotel does not make for a strong investment for Ohio pensioners.

Fillmore Hospitality should settle a contract with its workers like 25 other hotels in Chicago were able to do months ago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy W. Burga". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Timothy W. Burga, President
Ohio AFL-CIO

CC:

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