

Local 959 Member

5/3/2022

To whom it may concern:

First off, thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I am a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 959 and employed by AT&T. My job allows me to be challenged both physically and mentally. I learn new things each day and my skills continue to evolve. We also get to work in some of the most remote places of Alaska. Traveling can be difficult and tenuous at times. It takes a special kind of employee, with the right skills and attitude, to be able to do what we do.

That said, the current proposal in which AT&T is presenting us, has me feeling very underappreciated and undervalued by AT&T. Each month, I pay the family premium (\$1086) for health coverage. This is an incredible amount of money, and hardship, for my family to pay each month. In fact, I must use my credit card to pay for it. My wife and I feel it is risky to not pay for the premium and to go without insurance, but it is also an expense we struggle to afford and pay off right away. This can be reoccurring if I am only working 40-hour weeks.

Our raises over the past few years have been unnoticeable due to our health insurance premiums increasing along with the cost of living. I feel I am a great asset to AT&T. My skills and work ethic are exactly what a position such as mine requires and is needed to perform my job. It would mean so much to me to be valued as such by AT&T and to be treated fairly. I have several years invested in AT&T and I would really like to remain working here.

Thanks again for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Nakamoto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".