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LOCAL 85

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### **MESSAGE TO ALL ATU LOCAL 85 MEMBERS March 20, 2020**

As promised in our most recent March 17, 2020 Notice, this communication serves as an update on the issues we addressed over the last two days concerning the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on your day to day work circumstances. On Wednesday, your Local leadership participated in a conference call with Port Authority leadership to address all of the issues we now confront with the spread of the coronavirus.

It was clear from the outset of our discussions that the primary goal for both leadership teams is to ensure your safety. In this regard, we are pleased to report that we put into place an agreement that addresses the immediate health issues surrounding the virus and your workplace, testing for the virus, leave needed as a result of the virus and the preservation of your work under these circumstances. We also put into place a plan to address the possibility of upcoming service reductions and/or elimination and the implication these decisions may have on our job security. Consistent with the goals of the parties, each of the agreements benefit you.

Both parties remain committed to staying focused of the important issues that may arise as we move forward in our effort to deal with this unprecedented crisis. As part of our plan, we have agreed to weekly meetings to stay abreast of any new developments or government orders.

In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact the Union office.

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