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Dear UFCW Local Presidents:

We are writing to you today to express our complete support of your fight for a fair contract for members working at Stop & Shops throughout New England.

Together we represent approximately 700,000 union members across Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. You have the full weight of the labor movement behind you in your struggle for as long as it takes.

As state federations, we may be able to assist you in the following ways:

- Communications (press releases, op-eds, social media, etc.);
- Mobilizing private and public sector members;
- Reaching out to elected officials for support;
- Possible legislative efforts to put pressure on Stop & Shop;
- Garnering community support; and,
- Safety net services in case of a strike.

Please let us know how we may help. You can reach out to the following people in each state for assistance:

**Connecticut:** Amy Blackwood, [ablackwood@ctaflcio.org](mailto:ablackwood@ctaflcio.org), 860-571-6191 x226

**Massachusetts:** Lisa Gallatin, [lgallatin@massaflcio.org](mailto:lgallatin@massaflcio.org), 781-324-8230

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In solidarity,

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