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To TWU Local 565 Membership:

On behalf of all of your local representatives and myself, I would like to thank all of you for your support, and more importantly your participation in the recent election. I would also like to thank the outgoing representatives for their hard work and dedication to our union's local. I do recognize that a change of leadership can bring some uncertainty, and often some challenging times in the beginning, but I can assure you that we will work through this period of transition by keeping you, the membership, fully informed.

I anticipate meeting with many of our members during the first week in office in order to start addressing the issues on the floor. I am also encouraging all of you to consider getting more involved in our union by becoming a shop steward in the upcoming shop steward elections. The shop steward position is vital to our plans of being a more proactive and unified local, and is what I'd consider the first line of defense on the floor. If you're not interested in being a shop steward, I do ask that you, at the very least, try to attend the monthly membership meetings.

Lastly, I do ask each of you for your support and patience as your elected leaders start the process of unifying our membership in order to overcome the obstacles that lie ahead, and accomplish the goals we set out when we first decided to run for office. Unity was the goal then, and must be the goal going forward, especially in our quest to recoup the concessions that were taken from us over 5 years ago. Be unified, and be safe.

Fraternally,

Bob Zimmerman
President