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Judge Thomas O'Malley
Administrative Judge
Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court
9300 Quincy Ave
Cleveland, OH 44106

Dear Judge O'Malley:

I write to express my shock at the unilateral removal of the rights of your workers right to collective bargaining with the union of their choice, Laborers Local 860, and ask you to reconsider this decision.

All workers have the right to collectively bargain in good faith, including the courtside and detention workers employed by Cuyahoga County. These workers are integral to the operation of your Court, and they deserve a fair contract that honors their contributions to our state. The goal must be a mutually beneficial outcome for all parties.

Resolving the dispute would allow workers' to get back to work and focus on the Ohioans they serve. Both sides should work toward an agreement that allows the workers' to continue to perform their jobs at a high level. It's our duty as elected officials who profess to care about workers to practice the values we preach.

I urge you to reconsider this decision, and look forward to hearing a quick reply. Please don't hesitate to call on me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator