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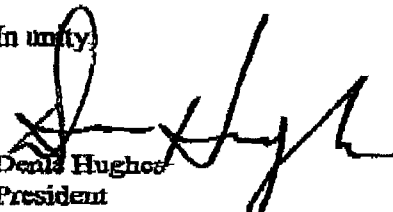
Dear Brother Francisco:

Thank you for communicating with me regarding legislation introduced in both houses of the New York State legislature (S.6943 and A. 9149). I am sorry for the delay in responding.

This bill is not unlike legislation, successfully enacted in New York State several years ago, to end the misuse of public funds by employers to block organizing. The passage of (S6943/A9149) similarly would send a powerful message to the company union and to state government. We are aware of the problems caused by that union on Metro North, and the harm done to the interests of all legitimate unions and union members on the property. It is important that the taxpayers of the State of New York not finance a company union. Legitimate local unions secure appropriate funding from its membership. All unions should work in the best interests of the members, and not that of the company management. The Metro North unions are pursuing other avenues of pressure on state government to deal fairly with them. Recently, I have worked to facilitate union leaders' meetings with key State Senators in the Metro North service area.

This state labor federation, taking its lead from its affiliates, will work for any and all legislation to redress this glaring affront to free and independent trade unionism.

In unity,



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