

October 15, 2007

Dear Hugh,

Enclosed is a copy of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO's resolution in Support of the Right to Collectively Bargain for Healthcare Coverage in the Public Sector. This resolution was presented at our Convention last month and passed by a unanimous vote.

Governor Patrick recently signed a piece of legislation which allows cities and towns to join the Group Insurance Commission, which oversees the health insurance program for state employees. The current legislation requires that the GIC engage in collective bargaining with union and retiree representatives. There is significant pressure to revise the legislation so that it would remove the workers' right to collectively bargain with the GIC. The Massachusetts AFL-CIO stands against any legislation that would infringe upon the right to bargain collectively, especially about an issue as important as health care benefits.

In order to express our ardent support for this resolution, I wanted to be sure you had a copy. I am confident you will review this resolution and join the Massachusetts AFL-CIO in supporting the Right to Collectively Bargain for Healthcare Coverage in the Public Sector. For more information on our resolutions, please visit:

<http://www.massflcio.org/2007-resolutions>.

Sincerely,

Robert. J Haynes  
President