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Dear Mr. Icaza and Mr. Conger:

I am writing on behalf of the nationwide family of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force,--and our 15,000 supporters in California, including grocery workers and their families--to congratulate you for winning so much for your members in the new contract ratified today.

The wage increase, the opportunities for newer employees, and the huge decrease in the waiting period for health benefits are enormous accomplishments, particularly given the past painful intransigence of management. Equally important, your contract sends a message coast to coast that organized labor, particularly the United Food and Commercial Workers, is essential in winning and preserving worker justice and dignity.

Your exceptional campaign at all levels -- grassroots, media, churches, members, customers -- will be a model for years to come. Thank you for your extraordinary leadership and sacrifice.

Sincerely,

Matt Foreman
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