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In an effort to move negotiations forward, the Regional Bargaining Committee met with the company this week in off-table discussions focusing primarily on issues surrounding Call-Sharing. While the informal discussions provided some insight to address mutual concerns, the two sides remain far apart on a clear path to resolve the issue. The Union has requested additional information on the work currently sent to vendors. The Company's Call Sharing proposal has not changed since June 22nd. The Union made its proposal on Call Sharing on July 21st. Previously the parties have both rejected each other's proposals on Call Sharing.

The Bargaining Committee also continues to analyze data provided by the company regarding health care. This week the chairs spoke briefly regarding an additional information request on health care. We have also agreed to participate in off table discussions regarding job security and the centers located in rural areas.

Bargaining has recessed and is scheduled to reconvene the week of October 5th. Security issues around the Pope's visit to Philadelphia will cause challenges for traveling here over the next week.

During the recess the bargaining committee will return to their Locals to lead mobilization activities. CWA has planned a number of mobilization activities associated with events contiguous with the Pope's visit to draw attention to Verizon's attack on working families. Your mobilization efforts will help us to win a fair and equitable contract. Contact your Local today to find out what you can do to help!!