



## **Mid-Atlantic Bargaining Report # 16**

**July 24, 2015**

The Mid Atlantic bargaining team met with Verizon today to continue the bargaining process as the contract deadline approaches in just 8 days. The Union opened the meeting by giving the company a detailed proposal for amendments to the current medically restricted policy.

The Company rejected most of the Unions' proposals with the same old tired message; they have no interest in increasing costs. It is hard to listen to this whining from a company where high level executives can provide themselves 16% raises, while the people who actually make this company work every day and are the face of Verizon are seen as nothing more than costs to be controlled and even eliminated. This company is attacking and trying to eliminate benefits and working conditions the members of this Union fought very hard to secure for over 60 years.

Your bargaining team advised the Company we are extremely disappointed in its response. The Union again made it clear that we will not sit idle and agree to contract out our work, hand over our pensions or let this company decimate our healthcare plans. We are here to improve our contract by protecting current work and bringing work back into the bargaining units.

We are all looking forward to attending the rally at 11:00am on Saturday, where thousands of members, family and friends are coming in from all around the region to send Verizon a clear message. **We will not stand for their Concessionary Demands, Forced Overtime Tactics or Constant Threats of Suspension and Termination by Tyrannical Managers.**

Now is our time Sisters and Brothers. Now is the time to get angry. Now is the time to stand up to this company.

