To My 769 Kin,

First: Here is your call to action from the IA via the AFL-CIO.
We are in the middle of a government shutdown. This government is refusing to fund healthcare for working Americans and using immigrants as scapegoats. Call your reps and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and Senate Majority Leader Thune and urge them to get back to work, fund the government, and end the looming healthcare crisis.

I have updated the call/letter scripts to reflect this: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ocxgPgV88CxFBrZwrOnoFEt4erweBp8ZiKd7QGAE418/edit?usp=sharing

Second: We are connected by our union and by this city and by the work we do. Community has never been more important to upkeep than now. Make sure you are checking on each other and yourselves. We cannot show up for each other if we can't regulate ourselves, and we must show up for each other.

I think we are all aware of the situation unfolding in our city, and if you want to talk to me about specific practical action work outside the union, please email me at jericahucke@gmail.com or text at (620) 778-1232.

I have never been more proud to be a member of this union than now. In a climate where black and brown and queer bodies are being used as media fodder and despicable human rights violations are occurring around us, the IA is reinforcing its dedication to ALL of its members, and upping protections for historically marginalized and underrepresented kin, and are putting all of it in writing. If you get the IATSE Bulletin, I encourage you to turn to pages 26, 27, and 28 and take a look at what your union is doing to protect you.

Solidarity isn't some esoteric idea that we just plaster on our merch and call it a day. Solidarity is real and actionable and so very, very important, especially right now. Check on your friends and neighbors, wear a whistle, attend a resistance training, and take care of each other. The city of Big Shoulders bends the knee to No One.

Solidarity and the Constitution Forever,
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