

THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

A fundamental right as an American Citizen is the right to choose your representatives.

As Professional & Certified Operators & Attendants, we have that right. No other advocates, representatives or anyone claiming to be that can supplant that right. The Unionized Professional & Certified Operators & Attendants have voted & chosen ATU, Local 689 to be their exclusive representative, representing them regarding their Wages, Benefits & Working Conditions. That's a fact. So if there is to be discussion and any determinations made regarding any of those issues, they should be done through their representative, ATU, Local 689 and no one else.

As an exclusive representative, ATU, Local 689, owes their members a duty of Loyalty, a Fiduciary obligation & responsibility, to represent their members solely & only. There is no dual or split representation. Contractors can not represent Unionized Professional & Certified Operators & Attendants.

Why, because they no longer have that right to, their workers have chosen whom they want to represent them for those issues and even more importantly because those Contractors can only offer dual/split representation. They are there to represent themselves and their companies. They cannot come to the table asking for something for yourself while pretending to asking for something for these Union members, whom they are hoping fail at their efforts. Which do the Contractors hold dearer or of greater importance? Themselves or their companies, certainly not their Union members. Especially when they have differing views, objectives & issues. You can't force someone or try to pretend that since they employ a worker, that they are their best representatives. Workers have the right, granted by laws enacted and enforced by the NLRB to choose their own representatives. Especially, when these same employees, Unionized Professional & Certified Operators & Attendants have hired, ATU, Local 689, made it known and are recognized by the NLRB as their representatives.

In fact, I'm sure it's illegal for someone to pretend that they represent someone, when they know for a fact, that those workers have hired their own representative.

Additionally, you should not accept anyone's input on those issue, when you know who their true representatives are.

These Unionized members of ATU, Local 689 deserve the right & respect of having their representatives heard. They come to this body asking that you insure their rights to representation. That's all they ask. Pass this bill and give them the opportunity to help themselves.

Thank You

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