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Hon. Rolinda Schmidt
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RE: Striking Workers at Hilton America's Hotel

Dear President Schmidt,

It has come to our attention that TASA and TASB are housing school administrators and school boards at the striking Hilton Americas-Houston during txEDCON. We are aware that the union of hotel workers, UNITE HERE, has asked TASA and TASB to cancel all business at the hotel during the strike, and that TASA and TASB have not committed to do so.

The Houston hotel market has surged and is poised to make a killing from events like the World Cup and the Republican National Convention. When business is booming for the company, workers who make it possible should not have to struggle to make ends meet.

We are moved to think about how the children of these workers will have brighter futures if their parents win their fight for better lives today. We are inspired by the courage and righteousness of the Hilton workers' strike, and we adopt their picket line as our own. As such, we join them in their request that you cancel all business at the Hilton during the strike.

There is no gray area in this matter. Your business is worth a mint to Hilton and if you continue with your plans to enrich them during the strike, then you have chosen the side of the company at the expense of the workers. That would strain the relationship between us and send a clear message about how you see the worth of the families of the students we serve in public schools.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Zeph Capo
Texas AFT President
cc: TASA