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Negotiations Stall as SU Misleads Bargaining Committee

The Syracuse University contract expires June 30, 2010, and unfortunately SU has refused to bargain the way we had originally anticipated. As we draw close to the end of the contract cycle, we are still hopeful the University will reconsider their position and agree to our proposal.

We are holding strong for no-subcontracting language to make sure we stay a part of the SU community, with the strong standards of wages and benefits we have gained over forty years. We are proud to be a part of SU, and have built strong relationships with faculty and students.

This year, we sought to streamline contract negotiations by bargaining for no-subcontracting language and job preservation. SU had originally been on board with a streamlined negotiations model, leading us to believe that we were on track for a quick bargaining process and a positive resolution to the contract.

We have unfortunately been disappointed by SU management. They led us to believe they were willing to talk about no-subcontracting language, only to counter propose little more than what protections are already provided by the law regarding subcontracting. We have already seen subcontractors being led through the Dome; we know that subcontracting is something on management's mind.

We recognize that these are difficult times, but we want to weather them as employees of Syracuse University. We want to stay as part of the campus commu-

nity, and have a voice in a transparent decision making process, rather than letting an outside company make decisions about our students and our campus unilaterally. Subcontracting would cause dramatic changes to the culture of Syracuse University, essentially taking away students' and staff's voice in any decision making processes.

It's about preserving our bargaining unit and preserving our jobs. We're demanding transparency, to alleviate the unseen fear that is the threat of subcontracting. We're demanding full disclosure and a voice in the process that affects our campus and our lives.

We are Standing Strong Together To Preserve Our Jobs at Syracuse University

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