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Larry D. Young, President, CEO & Director
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Dear Mr. Young,

I am writing again to reiterate my deep concerns about the situation at your Mott's facility located in Williamson, NY. I have been informed that the company has now broken off negotiations with the union, RWDSU Local 220, which represents the workers at the plant and these workers have now gone on strike.

Over the past two months, my office has been following the negotiations between RWDSU Local 220 and the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. I wrote a letter after the initial phase of discussions seemed to break down back in April. Soon afterwards, I was happy to hear everyone returned to the bargaining table to continue negotiations. I have also previously talked with you about implementing major wage and benefit cuts. Today with the strike underway, I implore you to consider the long term impact this could have on the local economy in the heart of Upstate NY.

My worry is that this current impasse, and strike, does not just affect your workers, but could have a ripple effect far beyond. This includes the very important apple industry and the hard working farmers in the area. Wayne County is the number one apple growing county in the state and area farmers supply between 6 and 7 billion bushels of apples to Mott's each year. As a member of the US Senate Agriculture Committee, I understand that preserving a market for our home grown, American crops is important to our state and this country. I ask you and Dr Pepper Snapple Group to do whatever possible to protect good paying jobs and help support the local economy here in New York State.

Please help bring the company back to the bargaining table in hopes of reaching a fair contract that protects worker's wages and benefits. I believe with good faith negotiations, an agreement can be reached and this plant can continue to be a vital part of your company and the New York economy. I will continue to monitor the situation and stand ready to do what I can to help resolve matters between the company and the union. Thank you for your time and attention to this very pressing matter.

Sincerely,



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