



June 25, 2010

Stuart Appelbaum, President
RWDSU
30 East 29th Street
New York, NY 10016

Dear President Appelbaum,

I have been following the situation at the Motts Plant in Williamson, NY over the past several months, as you worked to negotiate a contract with Dr. Pepper Snapple and the ensuing strike by the workers of RWDSU Local 220.

I am deeply concerned about the impact that this strike could have locally in Wayne County and across New York State. The ongoing work stoppage takes an obvious toll on the 305 workers of Local 220 and their families. In addition, the work stoppage has the potential to cause great damage to the very important apple industry and the hard-working farmers in the area. Wayne County is the number one apple growing community in the state and supplies between 6 and 7 million bushels of apples to Mott's each year.

It is in the best interest of all involved that this strike is settled as quickly as possible. New York needs the high-skill, good paying jobs this plant provides. The Upstate economy needs this plant to be working at full capacity, producing quality product for consumers across the country.

It is of the utmost importance that Dr. Pepper Snapple comes back to the negotiating table, bargains in good faith and reaches a fair and equitable solution for the workers, the company and the state.

Sincerely,

Andrew Cuomo
NYS Attorney General