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Dear Travelodge Fairgrounds Workers:


I am sorry I cannot be at your important rally today, but I wanted you to know that I am with you 100 percent, and will do all that I can as a Seaside City Councilmember to fight for your rights as workers, as Seaside residents, and as human beings.

It jolts our conscience, as caring human beings, when one of our brothers does something so harmful as threatening to take away the very basics of security from his workers—health care, pension, and decent wages. Can Mr. Seo be so disconnected from his employees—so removed from your lives—that he just doesn't know what it takes to get by in expensive Monterey County? Or does he just not care?

We will make him understand. We will teach him. We will make him care. We will reintroduce him to his workers, and we will not let him forget you. We will help him to do the right thing.

And that starts today with this gathering of Travelodge workers, their union brothers and sisters, their great friends on the Monterey Bay; and with those of us who aren't there this time--*will* be there next time--and all who know that these 12 Travelodge workers are as important as any 12 workers around. We won't give up on you!

To victory!



Ralph Rubio  
Councilmember, City of Seaside