



Dear Becky,

On behalf of the nearly 2,000 NEA members who work at the Universities of Maine, as full-time faculty and as professional and support staff, we urge you to end the lockout of NEASO staff.

On our higher-ed campuses, we face many of the same issues as NEASO members—the escalation of executive salaries at our expense, the privatization of our labor, safety concerns in our workplaces—and we seek to remedy them at the bargaining table.

This is what unions do. What they don't do is lock out other unions.

We are embarrassed and angry at how NEA has opted for the anti-union tactics of workers' worst enemies. Union busting is disgusting—and even more so when it's done by the nation's largest union, by *our union*. To put it bluntly, we do not pay dues to our national union to fund union-busting.

End the lockout and enable NEASO staff to get back to work for NEA members.

Respectfully,

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