

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

November 24, 2003

Mr. John Tyson
Tyson Foods, Inc.
Post Office Box 2020
Springdale, AR 72765

Dear Mr. Tyson:

As Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, we are writing to express our deep concern with the ongoing strike at Tyson Foods, Inc., prepared food plant in Jefferson, Wisconsin. We are troubled that approximately 450 families have been out of work for more than eight months, and want to urge you to go back to the negotiating table to fairly resolve this situation with your workforce.

We are further concerned that the situation at your Jefferson plant risks eroding the working class values that have made America great. Those values hold that worker productivity and corporate profitability should equal job security, rising wages, and benefits that provide health care and retirement security for working families. They represent a cornerstone of a democracy dependent on a strong middle class and give moral force to the belief that hard work and efficiency resulting in bottom-line profitability should bring a rising standard of living.

We understand that the workforce in Jefferson comes from families that have made the plant profitable for more than 125 years and that, until February, have never been on strike. We also understand that the Jefferson plant is part of Tyson Foods most profitable division, and that the workforce is extremely productive and committed to producing the highest quality product. These aspects, alone, should be reason enough to explore new solutions to the current disagreement about wages and benefits.

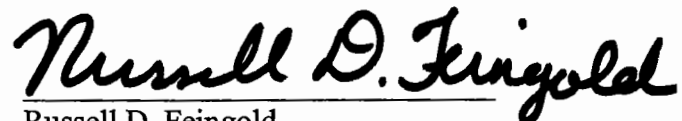
It's in the best interests of the striking families, the Jefferson community, and Tyson Foods to resume talks with the goal of reaching an equitable settlement and bringing this dispute to an end.

As the largest producer of meat products in the country, Tyson Foods has an enormous opportunity to demonstrate the kind of corporate leadership that show true respect for a strong middle-class and reaffirm the values that have made the American dream a reality for so many working families. We urge you to initiate a new round of collective bargaining discussions as soon as possible.

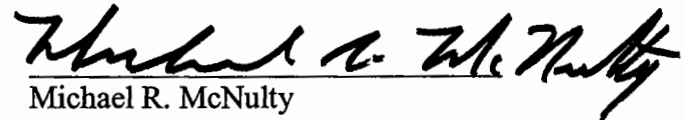
We appreciate your personal attention to this important issue, and look forward to learning, in the very near future, that the situation has been successfully resolved for all.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
Member of Congress


Russell D. Feingold
United States Senator

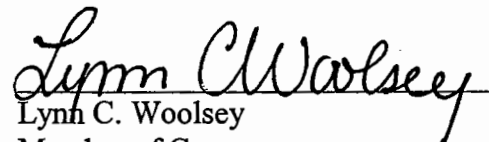

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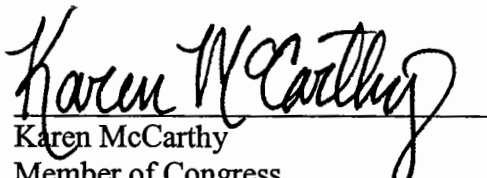

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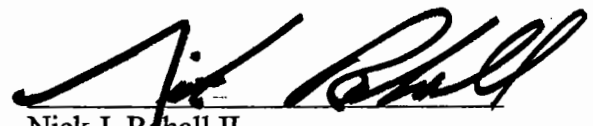

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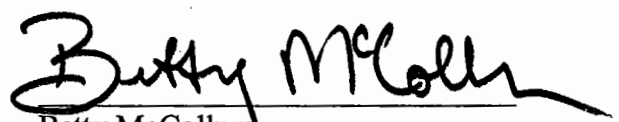

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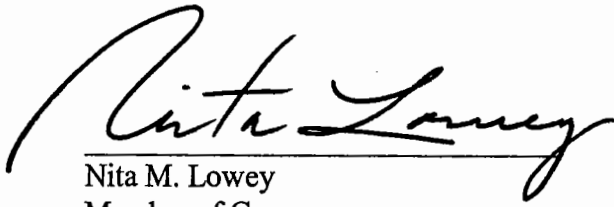

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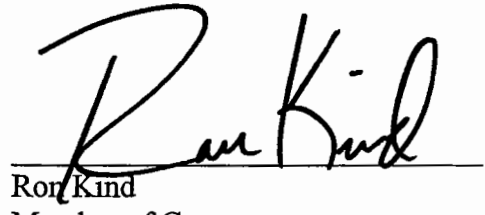

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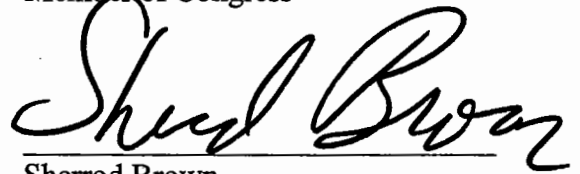
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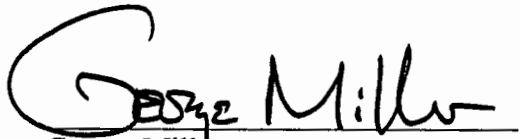
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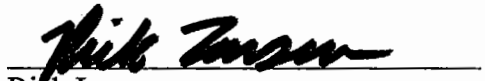
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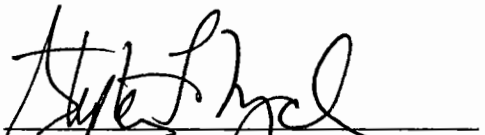
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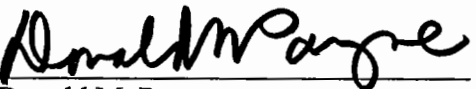
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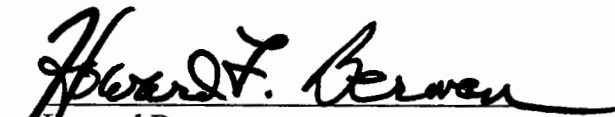
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