


# Office and Professional Employees International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC



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To: All Local Unions  
From: Michael Goodwin   
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Re: Do Not Patronize Hyatt Hotels

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I am writing to ask you to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Massachusetts AFL-CIO by not patronizing any hotel in the Hyatt hotel chain throughout the United States and internationally, following the company's decision to outsource the jobs of 98 housekeepers at three Boston area hotels. Please do not support Hyatt hotels anywhere in the world, in any way, until these workers' jobs are restored.

In late September, the Hyatt subcontracted these 98 jobs to a temporary agency that pays their workers \$8 per hour with no benefits. The outsourced housekeepers, some with more than 20 years at the Hyatt, were making up to \$15 per hour with health, dental and 401(k) benefits.

The employer's egregious behavior didn't stop there. Unbelievably, Hyatt management tasked these housekeepers with training their own replacements, telling them the new housekeepers were simply vacation fill-ins. This brazen act of worker abuse has caused unions, government officials, religious leaders and community supporters to rally around these housekeepers and demand they be rehired. The Massachusetts AFL-CIO recently passed a resolution calling on the Hyatt to rehire these workers and vowing not to patronize the hotel until they do so.

I urge you to send a letter to Hyatt CEO Mark Hoplamazian alerting him that your Local Union will not be patronizing Hyatt hotels until the situation is rectified and urging expedient action to rehire the 98 outsourced housekeepers. He can be reached at: Mark Hoplamazian, Chief Executive Officer, Hyatt Hotels, 71 South Wacker Drive, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Thank you in advance for your solidarity with the struggle of these workers.

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