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Membership meetings
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Collective Bargaining Negotiations in Progress

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Local 722 !!



We would like to inform you that collective bargaining negotiations are actively underway at both of our represented healthcare facilities. With our current contracts set to expire on **June 30, 2025**, your Union is fully engaged in securing a fair, comprehensive agreement that upholds your rights, ensures equitable compensation, and protects the conditions you rely on to provide the highest standard of patient care.

In the spirit of full transparency, we urge all members to stay informed throughout this important process. Updates will be shared regularly on our official website, www.seiu722.org including proposals exchanged during each bargaining session. Staying connected and informed is vital to our collective strength and unity.

Navigating National Headwinds

These negotiations come at a time of serious national challenges that directly impact healthcare workers across the country. The current administration's attempts to weaken **Social Security and Medicaid**, combined with **import tariffs** that drive up the cost of essential medical supplies, are already straining hospital systems.

Additionally, we are witnessing a troubling rise in **unjust terminations** of workers and an erosion of longstanding labor protections. These actions threaten not only the security of our jobs but also the dignity and rights of all working people. In response, our commitment must be stronger than ever—we must stand together, advocate assertively, and protect what we have worked so hard to achieve.

Celebrating Family Achievements

Amidst the challenges, we also take time to celebrate the positive moments in our members' lives. We extend heartfelt congratulations to all members whose children are graduating from high school, college, or other educational programs this season. **continued on page #6**

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Donald Trump's Tariffs Economic Impact

By

Otis Williams

Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs, declared in April 2025, are a new stage in formulating a new American strategy in the context of global trade, whose primary objectives are to cut trade imbalances, rebalance industries, and protect jobs in the United States. However, analyses of the economic impact and views of specialists have indicated that these tariffs may pose a threat to the US economy, especially union employees, raising consumer prices, causing countermeasures from trading partners, and not promoting sustainable industrial development.

One school of thought estimates that tariffs ranging from 10 to 60 percent may boost US terms of trade if other partners do not reciprocate (Ignatenko et al., 2025). However, if trading partners raise tariffs in response, the US suffers a net welfare loss of nearly 1 percent and a loss of 0.5 percent in world employment. Tariffs imposed to reduce the US trade deficit suffer from inefficiencies that cause deadweight losses greater than gains.

Economists claim that tariffs are a form of regressive taxation that most strongly affects low—and middle-income households. Based on Trump's proposed tariffs, the cost implications to the median household would be an additional \$1,700 in terms of higher prices on imported goods, as estimated by Clausing and Lovely (2024). Additionally, they argue that tariffs do not solve macroeconomic discrepancies like savings and investments that lead to trade deficits. One major weakness of Trump's tariff strategy is that retaliation is almost guaranteed. Ignatenko et al. (2025) show that if trade partners reciprocate with optimal retaliatory tariffs, the welfare loss to the US is higher than free trade. According to Greenhouse (2025), a 25% tax on Canadian and Mexican imports, for example, would increase production costs, negatively affecting final consumer prices and domestic manufacturing.

In spite of Trump's assertions that the tariffs will protect the manufacturing industry and union jobs in America, the evidence indicates that the opposite is true. For instance, the trade war with China in the financial year 2018-19 showed the shocking reality of how tariffs harm the working class that they intended to safeguard. During the period, some manufacturing industries recorded short-term increases; however, overall job growth decelerated due to increased costs and retaliation by other countries (Clausing and Lovely, 2024). Automobile and machinery manufacturing industries that depended on imported raw materials saw their production costs increase, making them less competitive.

Trump's tariff moves and plans will reduce trade deficits, but they will result in higher consumer prices, a loss of employment opportunities in export-oriented businesses, and an increase in global economic imbalances. It is likely that this move will result in job losses and wage reductions for union workers. In addition to industrial policies, training for the workforce, and diplomacy through trade agreements, the government can address and reverse the effects of the tariffs.



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The State of Jobs, Housing, and Healthcare Opportunities Under the Current Administration

As the country navigates through 2025, jobs, housing, and healthcare opportunities remain key benchmarks in evaluating the performance of the current administration. There are persistent challenges that affect millions of Americans, making these issues central to the national conversation.

Jobs:

The administration has focused heavily on cutting government jobs instead of building the workforce. They speak of domestic manufacturing, but put no energy behind all the talk. Major investments are necessary to create new employment opportunities across various skill levels, not tariffs. We have to have job growth in order to boost the economy. Expanding apprenticeship and vocational training programs provides alternatives to traditional four-year college paths, helping to bridge the skills gap in industries facing labor shortages, but we don't hear anything about that.

While unemployment had been low nationally, many workers (particularly in rural areas and among marginalized communities) still struggle with underemployment, stagnant wages, and a lack of job security. The rise of laid off government workers will contribute to the unemployment numbers. And many of the services we have come to rely on will be impacted because there are no workers to offer the service.

Housing:

Housing affordability continues to be one of the most pressing issues facing American families. Home prices and rents have soared. Affordable housing is no longer affordable. It doesn't matter if you are a veteran home buyer or a first-time home buyer. Labor and material shortages have slowed construction, and many communities continue to resist new developments due to concerns about density and property values.

Healthcare:

In healthcare, the administration has plans to roll back access and affordability. Key actions to pay attention to is the dismantling of Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act marketplaces. And keep in mind that private insurance is also skyrocketing. Millions remain uninsured or under insured. Mental health care, in particular, is in high demand, yet providers are in short supply.

Conclusion:

Structural issues and economic headwinds are fast approaching. For many Americans, the promise of opportunity still feels just out of reach. The months ahead will be critical in determining whether the policies in place can deliver lasting and inclusive improvements across all three pillars. Stay prayed up and tighten up on your purse strings. Monitor your finances and maintain as much employment as you can.



Right To Work

The Drawbacks

Hello fellow members. I hope all is well. I had the privilege of attending the Afram Leadership Conference 2025. I received so much great information and gained a better understanding of a few things that will help our union to continue to grow. Such as our history and politics relates to unions and the importance of supporting one.

There were many discussions and topics that were all very important and relevant to our lives, today. One in particular being was the “Right To Work” (RTW). What is right to work you may ask. The RTW law allows the employees to work without being required to join a union. Doesn’t sound that bad, right? Well, here are some of the cons of the RTW law.

1. Weakened Unions: These laws can undermine labor unions, financial stability and bargaining power. Making it harder for us to negotiate better wages and benefits for our workers.
2. Lower Wages: Without union support, employees will have less leverage to negotiate for higher wages.
3. Reduced Benefits: Employees may have access to fewer benefits, such as healthcare and retirement plans.
4. Increase Inequality: The weakening of unions can contribute to rising income inequality as the bargaining power of lower- and middle-income workers diminishes relative to higher income individuals.
5. Job Security: With weaker unions, employers may face a decrease in job security, leading to less favorable working conditions and less protection for unfair treatment.

These are just a few examples of the drawbacks of the RTW law. In conclusion we should always remember and understand that union business is political business.





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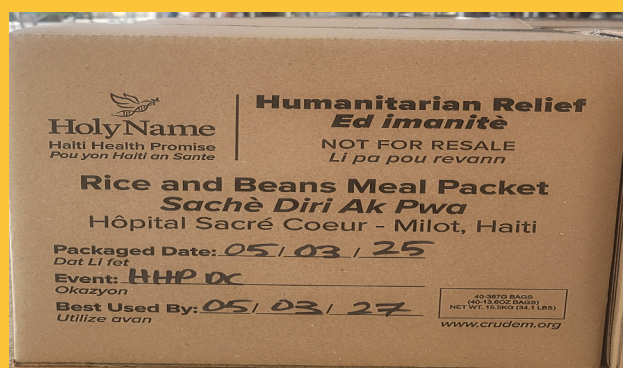
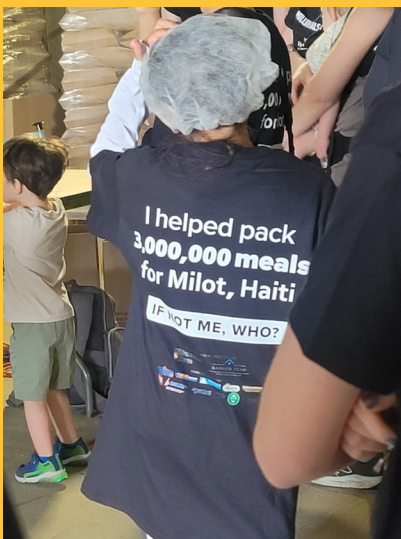
Saturday, May 3rd 2025
9 – 11 am / Noon – 2 pm / 3 – 5 pm
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Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, less than a four-hour flight from New York City

Hôpital Sacré Coeur is a 230-bed hospital serving more than 3 million people in northern Haiti

Thousands of families rely on Hôpital Sacré Coeur for excellent health care and basic services every day. Sacré Coeur employs hundreds of local residents and supports community development and rely on donations to meet the needs of those they serve. 100% of all donations go directly to those in need.

Dr. Rob Freishtat from Children's Emergency Room reached out for volunteers and while there were many volunteers SEIU is proud of our members who gave up their Saturday to help pack 3,000,000 meals for Milot Haiti. "If Not Me, Then Who" ? Many Children's National employees participated in this cause and we hope to see more participation next year.



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These accomplishments reflect perseverance, dedication, and the support of loving families.

As summer approaches, we hope you are able to take well-earned time off to rest and rejuvenate. Whether you're traveling, enjoying a staycation, or simply reconnecting with family and friends, we encourage everyone to prioritize their well-being.

Solidarity Is Our Strength

As we navigate this critical juncture, your solidarity remains our most powerful asset. By remaining informed, involved, and united, we can ensure that our voices are heard and our priorities are respected at the bargaining table.

Together, we will continue to fight for dignity, fairness, and a stronger future for healthcare professionals at our perspective locations but also everywhere.

In solidarity,

SEIU Local 722 Leadership

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