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All Vermont residents have a right to work with dignity. CCTA's forced overtime, lack of regular lunch and bathroom breaks and climate of fear hurts drivers' ability to provide safe conditions for our school children, seniors, commuters and the disabled. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that driver fatigue is a leading cause of accidents, resulting in 100,000 crashes, 1,550 deaths, and 71,000 injuries annually. As a community we've paid for CCTA operations for 41 years, yet as State Senator Ginny Lyons says, drivers are "the last ones being thought of." Please add your name to this open letter from Vermont residents and organizations calling on the CCTA Board of Commissioners and Mayor Weinberger to end these unsafe work conditions and prevent the strike by ensuring CCTA drivers' right to work with dignity through a fair contract.

Dear CCTA Commissioners and Mayor Weinberger,

I am concerned that CCTA management is irresponsibly provoking a massive transit strike as soon as March 10th. For months management has persisted in pursuing a bargaining agenda that disregards the drivers' justified concerns for livable jobs, dignified working conditions, and safety. As a result the drivers voted overwhelmingly (53-4) to reject management's last best offer.

Management's push to extend the length of split-shifts, which means having fatigued and overworked drivers on the road, would impact public safety, flies in the face of national safety standards concerning driver fatigue, and destroys drivers' family life.

Management is also insisting on hiring more part-time workers (without benefits). To make ends meet, part timers would also have to work other jobs, contributing to fatigue and possible safety issues. Besides, Vermont needs full-time, family wage jobs.

Drivers describe a predatory management style, which includes disciplinary abuse, surveillance, and harassment by supervisors.

There is something seriously wrong with how CCTA runs. Vermont needs a safe and environmentally responsible mass transit system, and humane conditions for the drivers that make it run.

I call on CCTA management and CCTA commissioners to bargain a fair contract that respects the drivers and meets the public interest.

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