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Dear Sirs.

We have investigated the wages and benefits, which your employees receive. Based on our investigation, we have concluded the wages and fringe benefits paid to your employees performing the following type(s) of work, Carpentry and Construction Labor, is less than the established area standard. Your substandard wages and fringe benefits to employees performing the aforementioned type of work is undermining the fair construction wage and benefits standards established by the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and reducing the employment opportunities of these individuals who receive a fair construction wage and benefits for similar work performed.

This letter, nor any of our publicity activities is intended to be, or should be construed as a request that your company enter into a collective bargaining agreement, or that you employ or refuse to employ any individual or group of individuals. Nor do we intend to interfere with the rights of your employees to work without becoming members of the Union.

If you believe the current wage and fringe benefits paid to your employees performing Carpentry and Construction Laborers meets or exceeds the area standards established, please respond to the questionnaire, which is attached to this letter.

Indicate the current wages and fringe benefits paid to the employees performing this type of work.

In the event that your company increases its wages and/or fringe benefits in the future, please advise us immediately so we can review this information and determine whether your company is still paying substandard wages and fringe benefits. By seeking the requested information, the Union is not asking or demanding that you comply with or meet the terms of its collective bargaining agreement. We are only wishing to ascertain whether your total labor costs meet the area standards.

Please provide the requested information within seven (7) days of the date your receive this letter. In the event that you do not provide the requested information within that time, we will assume that our information is current and that you are, in fact, paying substandard wages and benefits.

Sincerely,

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Name of Employer ,
Please respond to the following questions for your employees performing the following type(s) or
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by indicating the current wages and benefits paid:
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Employer Paid Pension contributions \$ per hour or
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