October 27, 1993

The Honorable Robert Dole
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

I'm writing on behalf of the 1.4 million members of our union and 400,000 retirees to urge you to oppose the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

NAFTA is bad for working people on both sides of the border, and poses new threats to highway safety. It will cost good American jobs, while locking Mexican workers into $4-a-day conditions. It will encourage more employers to demand cuts in our standard of living. It also will cost the American taxpayer and add billions of dollars to the federal deficit because of lost taxes and tariffs, as well as new spending for environmental clean-up and unemployment benefits.
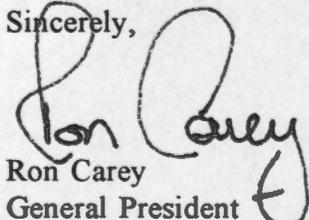
Fortunately, there is an alternative. Once NAFTA is defeated, President Clinton and the Congress can develop a _fair_ trade policy aimed at raising labor, environmental, and consumer standards in other countries instead of lowering them here. That is the only way to increase trade, protect and expand good American jobs, reduce immigration, and stop the exploitation of working people and the environment both at home and abroad.

We consider this vote one of the most important to come before Congress in many years. It is not just another vote on another piece of legislation. At a time when millions of Americans are turning away from both major political parties, Congress is facing a critical decision about America's future.

For your information, I have enclosed an advance copy of the latest edition of the _New Teamster_ magazine which was mailed to 1.8 million Teamster members and retirees as part of our ongoing informational campaign on the NAFTA debate in Congress.

Again, I urge you to stand up for a strong economy, a healthy environment, and safe highways, and I look forward to working closely with you on a fair trade policy once the NAFTA vote is completed.

Sincerely,

Ron Carey
General President