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Dear Members of Local 48,

I would like to thank all of you for your patience, resilience, and persistence in these unprecedented times. COVID-19 has changed our lives drastically over the past couple of months and we do not know when we will see normalcy again. I appreciate each of you for doing what you feel is best for yourselves, your families, your trade, and your Union. I sincerely thank you!

We have quite a few members that have been off work for weeks and still have not received an unemployment check. This to me is a travesty and completely unacceptable. I personally have attempted to get through to the Oregon Employment Department office and know that it is impossible by phone and e-mailing has not proven to be any better.

I am asking of our members that if you have been waiting 3 or more weeks for your Oregon unemployment funds to let me know. Please send me an email at busmgr@ibew48.com and provide your first and last name as well as the date that you filed your initial unemployment claim. Please have the subject line read "Unemployment Problems." We are working on a way to help assist our members with their claims.

Fraternally,

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