



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
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Dear Members of IBEW Local 48,

It has come to my attention that some of our contractors are asking for a furlough form to be filled out and signed when an employee makes the decision to go on furlough due to the Coronavirus. It was agreed upon at our Labor Management Committee meeting this morning that if an employee requests to go on furlough because the employee has a genuine belief that being present would place them in imminent danger of contracting Coronavirus, the employee will not be asked to sign a furlough form.

If an employee expresses to the employer that they are requesting a furlough due to a belief that they are in imminent danger of contracting Coronavirus and the employer still requests a furlough form to be signed, we recommend not signing the form and contacting your Union Representative.

In Solidarity,

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