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ATLANTIC BANKRUPTCY UPDATE

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This is an update on Local 1181's efforts to recover backpay due under the NLRB case to former employees of Amboy, Atlantic Queens, and Atlantic Escorts.

Former Atlantic employees who did not pick in February 2014 to positions with All American (not MV/Reliant), Gotham, Mountainside, Pioneer, SNT, Grandpa's, Logan, or Lorissa

Last week, the NLRB started mailing over 1,000 checks to employees in this group (the majority of former Atlantic employees). Many of you have already received a check in the mail.

As we previously advised, if you are an employee in this group, the payment you received or will receive is only a fraction of the money you are owed. Many of you have questions about why this is so. The answer is that when Atlantic went bankrupt, it did not have nearly enough money to pay all that it owed, including wages and benefits owed to its workers. We hope that more money will become available but, more than two years after Atlantic stopped operating, these payments are all that is available at this time. You should know that most people and companies that are owed money by the Atlantic companies, received and will be receiving, nothing.

The government also reduced your payment by withholding payroll taxes and dues. Monies owed by Atlantic to the pension and medical funds also came out of the bankruptcy monies.

Local 1181 still has lawsuits pending against the owners of the Atlantic companies to try to recover more of your back pay. Local 1181 also filed grievances against certain New York City school bus companies that hired former Atlantic employees off the Master Seniority Lists for "successor liability" under the collective bargaining agreement. We will keep you informed of developments relating to these ongoing efforts to recover your Atlantic back pay.

If you are supposed to receive a check and you do not receive one within three weeks, please let us know so that we may try to confirm the status of your check with the NLRB.

Sincerely,

Michael Cordiello, President/Business Agent
and Executive Board
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