

September 13, 2010

Hilda L. Solis
Secretary of Labor
US Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Hilda L. Solis,

I am not sure of the proper legal forms necessary to file an election protest. I know the law requires a member to exhaust remedies within the IA union structure. I have done this. Enclosed are my last letters of appeal to President Loeb. Expressed in the letters is my strong objection to one of the regulations, which disenfranchises me and others and contributes to the numerous other conditions which should invalidate the election.

I specifically challenged a recently enacted Local 600 election requirement, b. section 11, "working-at-the-trade," which limits the participation of many members while bestowing privileges on incumbents, undermining the basic assumption of the concept of a free and democratic election.

The Department of Labor stated in the rules for union candidacy that a "dominant purpose for qualifying should ensure the right of members to participate fully in governing the union and to make its officers responsive to the members." This rule is contrary to that intention.

I would like you to give consideration to my challenge and those of others who question the validity of this election.

Sincerely,

Haskell Wexler ASC