



Monongalia Area COMPAC

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Mr. Thomas C. Bloom
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May 30, 2024

Dear Mr. Bloom:

For the United Mine Workers of America, a decision to endorse a candidate comes down to one fundamental question: Which side are you on?

By denying Monongalia County employees working in the Assessor's office the chance to have a free election to determine whether or not to have union representation at their workplace, you have demonstrated a clear disregard for the fundamental rights of Monongalia County workers. Your actions run counter to the principles of workers' rights and fair labor practices.

To say that we are disappointed is a huge understatement. Outraged is more like it. You have turned your back on workers who have expressed a clear desire to organize, and while doing so allowed language and tactics right out of the union-busters' standard playbook to be used without challenge in a Commission meeting.

We mistakenly believed that you were on the side of working families and their right to freely choose to join a union. Instead, your action to prevent county employees from exercising their constitutional rights are incompatible with the values of the UMWA and our commitment to protecting the interests of working men and women.

Accordingly, the UMWA Monongalia Area Council of the Coal Miners Political Action Committee (COMPAC) has no choice but to rescind our endorsement of you in the Monongalia County Commission race. Please immediately cease using any material, making any postings or other public or private communications that indicate an endorsement by the UMWA.

Sincerely,

David Laurie
Chair, Monongalia Area COMPAC

Michael Payton
International District 31 Vice President

cc: *Dominion Post*
West Virginia MetroNews