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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Reno Using its Police Power to Silence Teamsters Free Speech Activity at the Transit Center

Dear Honorable Mayor and Mr. City Attorney:

Our office represents Teamsters Union Local 533 in the above-noted matter. This evening officers of the Reno Police Department told peaceful Union picketers that they could no longer protest on RTC's "private property." The Police Department told the Union that they could protest for the rest of the evening but tomorrow they can no longer protest on the public sidewalks at the bus station. We are writing to seek assurances that the City of Reno will stop using its police power to silence the Teamsters' protests. The sidewalk is a public forum. The Teamsters have been protesting at the RTC Transit Center without incident during the current strike.

Attached is a copy of a July 22, 2021 letter to William A. Thomas, the Executive Director of the RTC, explaining in excruciating detail the Union's right to protest at the bus station. We will send the attachments to this letter in a separate email.

The City's position is especially offensive because today the Union insisted on its right to require Keolis to remove its poison pill healthcare bargaining proposals. Until today, the Reno Police Department had absolutely no problem with the location of the Union's picketing and other protests. The City's threat to use its police power to silence previously acceptable Union speech and protests is a direct attack on the Union's members.

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Please provide written assurances that the City will stop using its police power to silence Teamster speech.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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