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Good afternoon Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and members of the Labor and Housing Committee.

We've received a recent release of the amendment to LD-1794. In our view, this new language raises more questions than provides answers or clarity.

The language remains problematic to us from an operational management standpoint and I fully believe, USW Local 27 President Howland would continue to be in opposition to this bill as he testified last May.

Simply stated, we don't see how this bill would benefit anyone in our organizations and would impair mill operational uptime due to new challenges presented in scheduling our staff. As I previously testified last May, if this becomes enacted and signed, we may have to resort to using contractors at times instead of our own employees-employees that know the mill processes and equipment.

In closing, resolution of workplace scheduling concerns should remain at the collective bargaining table (where it has been for decades) as opposed to being a legislative matter.

We're respectfully asking that this bill be reported out as ought not to pass.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our comments on this amendment.

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