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Dear Brother and Sisters:

As you may be aware, I will be leaving the office of IBEW Local Union 130 on July 12th, 2024. I have accepted a new position to work as an International Representative for the Fifth District Office, the decision to accept this change has been made after much consideration and has been one of mixed emotions. I would like to thank the membership, colleagues, and staff who have helped and supported me. I am extremely excited for this new position, but at the same time genuinely sad to be leaving you all.

As I write this letter, I remember each and every accomplishment that we have achieved together in the last 10 years. Together we have been able to better our wages, benefits and work for not only our members but their families as well. When I decided to run for office in 2014, I set goals for myself and was determined to complete them for the sake of our members and their families.

First and most importantly, I wanted to eliminate the multiple Market Recovery scales. It was an unnecessary hardship on members and their families, and we were successful in terminating that agreement. Secondly, I wanted to increase our Annuity and Local Pension, since I took office in 2014 it has almost doubled in its benefits, starting at \$3.94 and now it is \$7.68! After working 30 to 40 years, we all deserve to enjoy our retirement without financial stress. Lastly, I wanted to expand our Health Insurance to cover the cost of eyeglasses as well as increase dental coverage, both have been achieved.

While leaving the office of Local 130 has given me mixed emotions, one I do not have is worry. Our Executive Board Chairman Rodney Wallis has been appointed to fill out the remaining two years in office as the new Business Manager/Financial Secretary. I know you will all be in great hands with Rodney, he has been by my side with negotiations, and I trust he will do great things for Local 130 and its members. I ask that you support him as well as you have supported me these last 10 years and I know he is the right person for this position.

Thank you again for all of your support, encouragement and help while I held the title of Business Manager of Local 130. It has been an honor to hold this position and to represent IBEW Local 130.

In Brotherhood,

Paul Zulli