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**OPEIU LOCAL 39 INVITED TO BIDEN SPEECH  
UNION FILES UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE CLAIMS ON CUNA MUTUAL GROUP**

Madison, WI – President Joe Biden has extended an invitation to the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) Local 39 to his speech February 8<sup>th</sup> at the LiUNA Training Center in DeForest, Wisconsin. Mr. Biden's invite comes after the Union's communication with the White House regarding negotiations with area company CUNA Mutual Group (CMG). Mr. Biden's speech will highlight the importance of quality, union jobs.

Negotiations between OPEIU Local 39 and CMG have dragged on for over a year. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Union filed unfair labor practice (ULP) claims against CMG with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), which allege that the Employer has broken federal labor law. The complaints listed by the union are as follows:

- Failure to respond to information requests related to bargaining
- Failure to provide a counter proposal in a reasonable amount of time
- Ending the established practice of covering Union employee wages while bargaining during the workday, after doing so throughout 2022
- Retaliation by withholding the bonuses and discretionary adjustments of bargaining unit employees without cause

In a letter to union members, Chief Steward Joe Evica explained,

“Each charge described above could be resolved immediately by our Employer and would help return bargaining to a more productive relationship. Our team is confident that if the Employer is willing to resolve the issues described, we can still effectively reach a mutual agreement which resolves open issues surrounding fair wages, job security, our pension, and other important items. We sincerely hope that CUNA Mutual Group takes this as an invitation to correct their mistakes and work with us towards a fair settlement.”

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