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UNION FIGHTS AGAINST COCA-COLA'S UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES

Teamsters Local 727 has filed multiple unfair labor practice charges against Coca-Cola management with the National Labor Relations Board.

The charges stem from the company's unilateral changes to working conditions and refusal to process grievances.

"Coca-Cola management needs to get its act together," said John Coli Jr., President of Local 727. "They are mistreating workers, violating labor law and refusing to work with the union to resolve issues. Our members deserve better, and the union will keep fighting against the company's unfair actions."

In one instance, a wrongfully terminated member arrived for his scheduled grievance hearing, but the company refused to process the grievance and even denied him entrance to the premises. Coca-Cola management also has attempted to prevent union business representatives from speaking to members, despite a union access clause in the collective bargaining agreement.

The union will continue to update members on the status of the board charges.

Teamsters Local 727 represents 10,000 hardworking men and women throughout the Chicago area, including about 300 Coca-Cola workers in Niles and Alsip, Ill.

Nothing in this article should be read as the union's waiver of any legal argument, position or additional grievance. The union does not forfeit its right to make any and all supplemental arguments.