

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Filho,

We are writing regarding the ongoing strike at the JBS USA meatpacking facility in Greeley, Colorado initiated by UFCW Local 7 membership on March 16, 2026. Organizers and our constituents have informed us of ongoing negotiations at this location and efforts to reach a fair resolution. We encourage you to work expeditiously to return to the bargaining table and strongly urge you to negotiate in good faith with these workers, in accordance with U.S. law, to reach a fair agreement that best serves all parties.

This strike represents the first time in 40 years that meatpackers have gone on strike, and these 3,800 workers are doing some of the most dangerous jobs in our country. They face potential injuries due to ergonomic conditions and potentially fatal accidents. The scale of this strike speaks to the importance of any final agreement for these workers as they push for better working conditions and pay. Their work has a powerful economic impact on their local communities and feeding our nation's families, including many of our constituents.

To our knowledge, the union and JBS have met dozens of times since May 2025. In that time, the union has expressed a clear desire to negotiate a fair resolution to the parties' dispute. We are aware the union reduced the number of topics on which they were bargaining by entering into a tentative agreement with JBS, including reducing the total economic gap between the parties by more than half.<sup>1</sup>

While JBS indicated they were appreciative of the union's efforts to reach an agreement, we are concerned by potential delays in reaching a negotiated agreement between both parties on these proposals – and the lasting impacts of an extended work stoppage. As you know, it is the policy of the United States to encourage collective bargaining between workers and their employers to negotiate the terms of their employment under the National Labor Relations Act. In light of these circumstances and statements from JBS that both parties remain deadlocked, we ask that you strongly reconsider and resume good-faith negotiations with these workers. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and hope you take our concerns seriously.

Thank you for your time and attention to these important issues.

Sincerely,

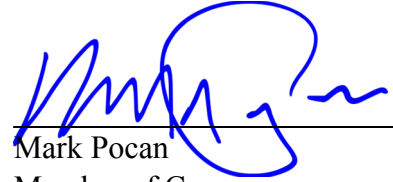
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<sup>1</sup> [M.Lovell+-+March+13,+2026.pdf](#)



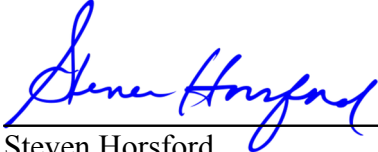
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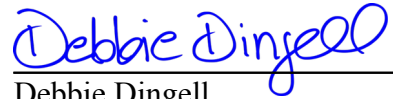
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