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**TO: All GCC and Teamster Newspaper Locals**

**FROM: George Tedeschi, President, GCC/IBT & IBT Vice President At Large  
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## THEY STILL NEED OUR HELP - PLEASE SUPPORT THEM

### Fired Reporters Hang Tough in Santa Barbara

#### *Fighting for Teamster Jobs and Contract*

It's been more than two years since eight Newspaper reporters were illegally fired for supporting a Teamster union organizing campaign at the Santa Barbara News-Press. In December 2007, a federal judge found the company guilty of more than a dozen labor law violations and ordered their immediate reinstatement.

However, the company appealed that decision—and they are still waiting to get their jobs back, not knowing from month to month if they will be able to pay their bills.

Another trial was ordered and the government will seek to prosecute the company on a new stack of unfair labor practice charges, including the unlawful termination of yet another reporter, a member of the negotiating team; and for bad faith bargaining, following 18 months of fruitless and insulting sessions at the table.

Teamster support throughout this struggle has made all the difference in the world to them. The Teamster donations they received over the last two years have enabled them to stay in their homes and feed their families while they continue this fight.

Please consider sending another contribution so that they can see this struggle through to the end.

Please send donations to: **Santa Barbara Union Defense Fund**  
**P.O. Box 30041**  
**Santa Barbara, CA 93130**

Thanks for your help.