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LM File No. [REDACTED]

Richard J. Sanchez, President  
International Association of Machinists and  
Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO, District Lodge 947  
319 W. Broadway  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

This is in response to your continuing hardship exemption request for International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO, District Lodge 947, LM File No. [REDACTED] for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. Your request dated April 3, 2008 was received by the Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS) on April 23, 2008. A continuing hardship exemption request requires the requesting union to demonstrate that it cannot file Form LM-2 electronically without undue burden or expense.

Your request for a continuing hardship exemption was based upon the following information stated in your letter:

Your local has made multiple attempts to file electronically, but have been unable to make your digital signatures work, despite receiving technical support from IdenTrust.

OLMS grants your continuing hardship exemption request for filing Form LM-2 electronically for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007, based on the information provided. Please note that this approval of your request for hardship exemption extends only to the filing of the LM report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

Your letter indicated that you have already sent a paper copy of the Form LM-2 within the specified timeframe for filing. According to OLMS records, however, your report has not been received as of this writing. I might point out that until this report is received, the union is considered delinquent.

If you have any further questions about filing Form LM-2 pursuant to the hardship exemption, please call 202-693-0123 and reference your organization's LM file number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beverly E. Walker".

Beverly E. Walker, Chief  
Division of Interpretations and Standards

cc: Larry King, Chief, Division of Reports, Disclosure & Audits