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Dear Mr. Tulino:

I received your June 3, 2009 response to my interpretive inquiry regarding the application of the 2006 Memorandum protecting APWU represented employees who had not achieved no lay off protection on the date of the agreement. I disagree with your response of June 3, 2009.

Pursuant to the provisions of the 2006 national agreement, this is to initiate a Step 4 grievance. The union's position is as outlined in my April 17 letter. I am available to discuss this matter at your convenience consistent with the terms of the national agreement.

You may contact Robin Bailey of my staff at 202-842-4248 for a mutually agreeable date for discussions.

Sincerely,

William Burrus President

cc: Greg Bell, Industrial Relations Director

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