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March 31, 2010

The Honorable William K. Greenlee
Councilman
City Council of Philadelphia
Room 580, City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3290

Dear Councilman Greenlee,

We are writing to follow up on our letter of February 22, 2010 and subsequent discussion with you concerning the current labor dispute between the Philadelphia Security Officers Union (PSOU) and AlliedBarton, the private firm under contract to provide security services at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

As you know, the security guards assigned by AlliedBarton to work at the Museum participated on October 9 and 10, 2009 in a secret ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). In the election, a majority voted for representation by the PSOU. The Museum urges AlliedBarton to respect the wishes of the majority of the security officers and bargain in good faith with the PSOU for the guards assigned to work at the Museum.

Please also know that on March 24, 2010, the NLRB approved the PSOU's request to withdraw a charge it had submitted against the Museum. The NLRB was prepared to find that the union's charge was without merit and allowed the union to withdraw the charge of unfair labor practice rather than have it dismissed. In our letter of February 22, we had stated that the PSOU's charge was without merit, and we are pleased that the PSOU has chosen to withdraw this charge.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy Rub
The George D. Widener Director and CEO

Gail Harrity
President and Chief Operating Officer

cc: The Honorable Anna C. Verna
The Honorable Darrell L. Clarke