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TEAMSTERS: FEDERAL LABOR BOARD REJECTS XPO'S LATEST ANTI-UNION TACTICS

NLRB Dismisses Company's 'Frivolous' Labor Objections

The National Labor Relations Board has dismissed six objections filed by XPO Logistics involving the Oct. 12 election in Aurora, Ill., which means Teamsters Local 179 is now certified as the workers' bargaining representative. The union anticipates the company will appeal the decision to further delay the will of the workers.

"We expected and are pleased that the NLRB definitively rejected these frivolous charges as simply a desperate attempt by the company to delay the certification of the election," said Tom Flynn, President of Local 179 in Joliet, Ill. "We look forward to negotiating a strong first contract for the 74 drivers in Aurora."

"This is good news, but the company continues to hire professional, high-priced union busters and attorneys to try to stop workers from forming their union," said Tyson Johnson, Director of the Teamsters Freight Division. "The hundreds of thousands of dollars the company spends should go to workers' wages and benefits instead. This company needs to start honoring the will of its employees who choose to form their union as Teamsters, and it also needs to stop attempting to intimidate its workers who are exercising their federally protected rights to organize."

Local 179 has filed 10 labor charges against XPO for its actions in Aurora.

The Aurora drivers at XPO voted for Teamster representation on Oct. 12, the same day that 127 warehouse workers in North Haven, Conn., voted to form their union as Teamsters. They join XPO workers in Miami; Laredo, Texas; and Vernon, Calif. who have already formed their union as Teamsters. On Nov. 10, XPO freight workers in the Philadelphia area will vote in their Teamsters election.

On Oct. 21, the NLRB certified the Teamsters as the bargaining representative for the workers in North Haven.

Teamsters Local 179 is an affiliate of Teamsters Joint Council 25, America's premier labor union for Chicago, Illinois and northwest Indiana.