

Good afternoon Everyone:

It has come to my attention that Clare Rose is seeking to union bust. An attack on one union is an attack on all unions. Consequently, I am asking you, my brothers and sisters, to stand in support of the Clare Rose Union. The Clare Rose Union members are not seeking a raise. They are not seeking a reduction in contributions to their benefit premiums. They are simply seeking the preservation of their jobs and pensions. In a good faith attempt to this end, the Clare Rose Union conceded to a 5% reduction in salary. The response from Clare Rose management was a 30% cut in salary and the elimination of the pension system. This left the union with no choice but to strike. It has gotten to the point that Clare Rose management refuses to return to the negotiation table. Moreover, management is threatening to fire any worker that continues to strike. There are several Sachem alumni that work for Claire Rose. One such alum has reached out to me for our help. Both as Sachem teachers and as SCTA members, we cannot turn our backs on this plea. I ask that we stand in solidarity with the Clare Rose Union. To demonstrate our support, I ask that we we cease to purchase any Clare Rose products for as long as the company continues to mistreat the Clare Rose Union. Finally, I ask that we reach out to our own family and friends and requesting that they also boycott Clare Rose products. The storm has gathered upon us. We can no longer deny that corporate America is declaring war on unions. It is happening in our own back yard: Clare Rose is a Long Island company, located in East Yaphank. We cannot accept with bent knee the fate that is being hoisted upon us. Unions are in jeopardy and we must fight like bloody hell to push back the scourge. We owe it to all those that; with resolve of purpose and the conviction of the righteous; stood firm against the buffeting winds. Today, it is our turn to stand side by side our union brothers and sisters that seek our help. For a list of Clare Rose products click the following link: <http://www.clarerose.com/ProductFinder.aspx?search=all>. If we do not stand with our brethren in their hour of need, who will stand with us in ours?

In solidarity,
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