Thank you for calling Local 1262's Information Hotline. This is the latest update from President Harvey Whille as of Friday, March 3 and contains a very important message about protecting jobs for our members. This hotline and other important information for our members can also be found on our website at www.ufcw1262.org.

On Thursday, Local 1262's staff distributed flyers to customers to inform them of the efforts by Pepsi to take on duties in the stores currently done by Local 1262 members.

President Harvey Whille stated: "Local 1262 has always fought to – and will continue to – protect our members and their jobs. The move by Pepsi to have their workers pack out additional products in our stores is simply not acceptable. If they are allowed to move forward with this plan it would significantly impact our members currently carrying out that function and could result in the loss of hours – and perhaps jobs – for our members. Our Collective Bargaining Agreement – your contract – is the lifeblood of this Local and contains legal language that clearly indicates that these jobs must be done by Local 1262 members."

President Whille stated that the Local has already begun legal actions to stop this from moving forward, which the company has stated will begin on Monday, March 6.

If you see Pepsi vendors packing out -- or performing any other jobs typically done by our members – contact your Union Representative immediately.

"All of us must be keenly aware of what is taking place in the stores," said Whille. "We must stand together in Solidarity to protect our union jobs and prevent the loss of these jobs and the contractual benefits and protections they offer."

Local 1262 will continue to post updates on this situation here and on our website.

If you have questions regarding this situation, please call your Union Representative.

From New Jersey call 1-800-562-6913

From New York and other states call 1-800-526-7814.

That concludes this hotline. As always, it is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your President.

Please ask your fellow Local 1262 Brothers and Sisters to join Local 1262's texting program.

Simply text UPDATES1262 to 83071.

FOR WEBSITE ADD: You can also listen to this message by calling Local 1262's Information Hotline at 888-438-1262.