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We have not asked our employers for an increase in salary for two years, nor would we have asked for an increase in salary this year unless living costs had become so high that they have become almost unbearable. We are asking the shoe merchants and the grocery merchants for whom we work to please increase our salary so that we may be able to properly feed and clothe our families. All of the independent shoe merchants have agreed to do this. Three chain shoe stores . . . Karl's, Kirby's, and Gallen-Kamp's . . . have refused and have stated that they will close their stores before paying the increase.

We ask the public to please help us and our community by asking these companies who have enjoyed the patronage of the citizens of the Harbor District for many years to reconsider.

Every picket line, every store closed is harmful to our community. We do not want any picket lines are any stores closed. However, we do believe that we are entitled to a living wage. If it becomes necessary to place pickets, please be assured that they have been placed only because we have exhausted every resource at our command to prevent them. Will you please contact the stores mentioned above and then respect our picket lines if they become necessary?

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