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Lobbying Efforts by the PA Conference of Teamsters “Draws” More Funding for the Graphic Communication Teamster Members in PA

The PA Conference of Teamster’s lobbyist, Legislative Coordinators and the GCC/IBT worked relentlessly to restore the “Workforce Development Funds” in the PA state budget. Originally, these funds were drastically cut back. However, through the Conference’s lobbying efforts, these crucial funds have been fully restored into the PA state budget.

“If these funds were not restored it would have had a grave impact on our GCC/IBT affiliates that desperately need this funding”, said President Frank Gillen“. “There are over 2,000 GCC Teamster members in the PA Conference of Teamsters”.

Brother Kurt Freeman, President of GCC/IBT Local 14-M indicated that, “these funds are typically used to upgrade training and learn new technology to remain competitive in the industry” Rob Theisen, Education Director-GCC/IBT Local 14-M added, “Local 14-M’s and the Conference’s efforts to secure funding for training will benefit members by assisting traditionally smaller state employers with necessary dollars for training needs that might not have been possible otherwise.” Local 14-M was greatly appreciative of the Conference’s involvement and help.

The Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters is the Political arm of the Teamsters. It coordinates Teamster political activity and fights for working families on labor, construction and public employee issues. The Conference represents 92,000 members in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and West Virginia.

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