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Warehouse Division Director Updates Teamster Local Union Leaders

Earlier this month, Teamsters Warehouse Division Director Steve Vairma updated leaders of local unions that represent Sysco and US Foods workers, calling on the leaders to continue fighting on behalf of workers.

Vairma provided the update during the annual Unity Conference.

"We have made great strides in this campaign to protect the jobs of our Sysco and US Foods workers, but we need to work harder than ever to hold the companies accountable," Vairma said. "We will be stepping up the pressure on the companies and we will be calling on local unions more than ever to participate in our various actions. We will not rest until we do whatever it takes to protect our members' jobs and organize new members."



US Foods, Sysco Customers Are Concerned About Competition, Service



Based on early responses, it is clear that customers of US Foods and Sysco are concerned about Sysco's pending acquisition of US Foods and its effect on competition and service in the food service industry.

"One of my customers is very worried about his costs rising due to this merger and he worries about being able to stay in business," a US Foods driver said. "The company may be saying 'don't worry,' but my customer said he has been in business long enough to know that this will hurt many small business owners like himself." About 81 percent of US Foods drivers and 43 percent of Sysco drivers who responded to our worker survey say their customers have voiced concerns. If you know customers who have concerns, direct them to this customer survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SyscoUSFoodsCustomerSurvey>

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It is imperative that all Sysco and US Foods Teamsters get involved in this campaign to protect jobs. Information is power.