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Negotiating Committee Pushes Back as United Refuses to Move on Scope

The Teamsters Negotiating Committee for United Airlines met again this week in Chicago. Conversations largely revolved around worker protections, with United refusing to make improvements to existing language while pushing for the removal of current quality-of-life provisions. Overall, the company remained unwilling to engage in meaningful dialogue and continued to deny solutions to real concerns for members.

Despite the committee's repeated efforts to identify ways to move forward and meet the company halfway, United's responses to outstanding subjects were vague, evasive, and unhelpful. The company again failed to deliver on its promise to have key representatives consistently at the table, a troubling pattern that only underscores the company's willingness to treat mechanics as an afterthought.

"It's clear United has no interest in moving these talks forward in good faith. Our members deserve progress, not evasive answers and sporadic participation at the bargaining table from the people who make decisions," said Clacy Griswold, Chair of the United Airlines Teamsters National Negotiating Committee. "Although we appreciate Kirk Limacher's presence at the table this week, more attention from senior members of leadership is required to advance negotiations."

The committee has grown increasingly frustrated with the company's refusal to answer questions or offer constructive solutions. Teamsters at United will not accept a contract where members are forced to give up critical protections only to receive scraps in return.

Negotiations will continue in Los Angeles on October 21.