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Dear Brother Kalyoncu:

We are writing to you on behalf of the tens of thousands of workers in the United States who are members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) regarding the valiant struggle that your Trade Union, EL-SEN of Northern Cyprus, is waging against the ruling government to keep ownership of the electric utility KIB-TEK in the hands of the general public. We know through the ICEM that EL-SEN's 600 union members are totally united behind this cause. We congratulate you and are sure the citizens of Northern Cyprus have taken notice and that this will, in turn, strengthen your efforts.

Opening the door for privatization of an essential public service such as electric power will only serve as a detriment to the people of Northern Cyprus, while benefiting the profiteers of a private corporation. Here in the United States, UE locals have fought forcefully against such privatizations because they enrich stockholders, while leaving the general public with services that are more expensive and often of lesser quality.

Please feel free to share this message of solidarity with your members and let them know that working people in the United States applaud their commitment and courage. We will be paying close attention and stand with you until victory is achieved!

In Solidarity,

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