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OSCO PHARMACISTS SIGN UNION CONTRACT WITH MAINE TEAMSTERS

Teamsters Local 340 is the first union to organize pharmacists in Maine, securing them contractual rights and a strong voice in their high-pressure workplace.

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine – Pharmacists at Shaw's grocery stores in 15 locations throughout Maine have signed a collective bargaining agreement with their employer, as members of Teamsters Local Union No. 340. The roughly two-dozen pharmacists voted to join Local 340 in April of 2015. Contract negotiations were deadlocked for an extended period, with the Union only overcoming employer opposition to its main contract proposals late this year. The pharmacists and the Union successfully addressed a number of issues that are increasingly of concern in this difficult work environment. Maine's Osco pharmacists are among the first in their field to unionize, in what Local 340 hopes will become a national trend. President Brett Miller said:

"Collective bargaining by professionals and knowledge-workers represents a new way forward for American labor. Our job now is to provide strong union representation for our new members at Osco, and demonstrate that organized labor has a lot to offer in the information era. If more people follow the Osco pharmacists' example, the labor movement will be able to secure a better deal for all working Americans in the 21st Century, just as it did in the Twentieth."

Teamsters Local 340 represents pharmacists at Shaw's locations in the following 15 towns: Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, Brunswick, Dover-Foxcroft, Ellsworth, Freeport, Lewiston, Portland, Rockland, Saco, Sanford, Scarborough, Waterville, and Westbrook. Local 340 represents several thousand workers across Maine in the public and private sectors.

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