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TEAMSTERS PROTEST LOW WAGES AT UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Union employees in the Service & Maintenance Department will stage an informational picket line in Orono to demand an end to substandard wages in the University of Maine System (UMS).

ORONO, MAINE – The workers responsible for maintaining the University of Maine's buildings, infrastructure and facilities across nine campuses will demonstrate before the Service Building (Rangeley Road, Orono Campus) on Friday, August 25th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. U-Maine's employees in the skilled trades have been paid far below the standards of the private sector for years, with a median income around the 25th percentile for comparable blue collar positions. UMS management will not acknowledge that the University has a wage and hiring problem, even as morale sinks to all-time lows and many positions remain unfilled. Recently, for example, a job was posted for a Master Electrician with hourly wages of only \$16-\$17 per hour, while the state average is above \$24 per hour. Friday's protest seeks to publicize the University's insistence on treating Service & Maintenance employees as second-class citizens with substandard wages. The workers are represented by Teamsters Local Union No. 340, and are currently in negotiations for a renewed collective bargaining agreement.