

From the Randy Stephenson Fan Club

Dear Randy,

I am writing to tell you just how much of a hero you are to me and all of us here at the club. The proposals that you have presented to the Union bargaining team are nothing short of remarkable. I mean who knew that those employees had all those hundreds of dollars just laying around that they could be using towards their health care. I'm betting that most could come up with it just from the mountain of change they have under their couch cushions. But hey if some don't have it maybe they could just have the bank foreclose on their home, or maybe they could just pick one of their kids and tell them they can't eat for a month. Or better yet, maybe, well, let's just say that's what they used to have orphanages for. But who cares, right? I mean it's more important that at&t makes 13 or 14 billion next year instead of the paltry 12.6 they made last year. You better believe it is. You really came through with flying colors on this one.

Hey, what about that pension proposal? This one is so outstanding that it really sent shivers up the spine of all of us here. The very idea of cutting the pensions and totally eliminating the pensions for future employees after they have spent all those years making the company successful., well, let's just say it brought tears of joy to all of our eyes here at the club. Why should those people expect that the company owes them anything when they decide to retire? I mean after all they do get a gift from that catalog. Right?

Oh Oh Oh and that job security thing. Why should the company try and help those who would really like to stay with company find another job if they are surplusd. I say let em hit the street after you're done with them. What right do they think they have over someone off the street? You are truly an inspiration to all of us with this one.

When I was a child my parents told me that I should aspire to be significant instead of successful. They told me that if I helped others become successful that I too would become successful but on a higher level. How stupid is that? I wish I had been able to learn from your parents whose philosophy must have been "Get your own and say the heck with everyone else". Man, I can only imagine the fun you must've had stepping on all those people on your rise to the top. But things are going to be much better for me now that I'm learning from the master.

I'm thinking if you and the other CEO's across the company employed your ideas here you could probably even solve the illegal immigration problem this country has. Think about it, create dead end jobs with health care no one can afford and no future while you're with the company or after they retire. I'm betting it would send thousands if not millions trying to get into Mexico illegally. You might even be nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor. We'll even right a letter for you.

One thing before I close, should those spoiled sports over at the CWA decide to strike. I hope you would reward those managers who are going to be doing the work in real "Randy" style. Maybe you could increase their health care cost even more and while you're at it, maybe freeze their pay for another year. That would really show them who the boss is. You can bet their not smart enough to see that as an opportunity to improve their situation. I mean, what are they going to do join the CWA on the picket line, or come down with the "blue flu"? Hey, let's face it, their bellies are to yellow to do anything like that. Firing and replacing 60 or 70 thousand seasoned managers shouldn't be that difficult. Right? So, it would take the company a couple of years to get back up to speed. I'm sure the shareholders wouldn't mind. They probably all worship at the altar of "Randy" like we do.

Keep up the good work, you are truly a forward thinker and an absolute inspiration.

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