

CEDAR RAPIDS FIREFIGHTERS

IAFF



Local 11

12/20/2022

5500 J St SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

The International Association of Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 11 is writing this letter of support for the members of BCTGM Local 100G who are on strike against Ingredion in Cedar Rapids, IA.

We are urging Ingredion to bargain a fair and equitable contract for all of the BCTGM members employed in Cedar Rapids.

As public safety professionals, the IAFF knows well the dangers that exist at this facility and the complexity of safely handling corn starch, dust, and the use of chemicals such as Ethylene Oxide.

The members of BCTGM Local 100G are well trained and have decades of experience running this highly complex process. They work diligently every day to operate this facility safely. Their lives and the safety of our community depend on it.

The longer Ingredion uses untrained and inexperienced operators to run this facility, the more exposure our community faces to a potential public safety catastrophe.

Ingredion, it is time to bargain an end to this strike, offer a fair and equitable contract that immediately returns all of the highly trained, dedicated and experienced members of BCTGM 100G to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul M. Bagby'.

Paul M. Bagby, President

Cedar Rapids Association of Firefighters, IAFF Local 11