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United Steelworkers Reject Ameristar Discount Offer

Steelworkers Stand with Casino Waitresses and Bartenders

East Chicago, IN – Today, the United Steelworkers REJECTED Ameristar Casino’s promotional discount in its sports bar for employees of U.S. Steel, ArcelorMittal, and BP. The Steelworkers have long stood side by side with the women and men of Local 1, UNITE HERE who work as bartenders, bussers, servers and cleaners at Ameristar.

The Steelworkers were there when Local 1 launched the boycott against Ameristar and will continue to encourage its members to STAY OUT of Ameristar until they sign a fair contract with the workers.

“Steelworkers know that you have to fight one day longer to secure what you need to support your family. That’s why we’re behind the Ameristar workers,” said USW District 7 Director Mike Milsap. “We won’t be lured in by a cheap discount so that the Company can continue to mistreat the workers. We will be distributing flyers in all our plants to let our membership know to continue to boycott the casino.”

UNITE HERE Local 1 members have walked picket lines at BP and rallied in front of ArcelorMittal headquarters to back up Steelworkers. “Local 1 members are proud to stand with Steelworkers and proud when they stand with us. The Ameristar workers will be happy to welcome them back to Ameristar AFTER we have achieved a fair contract,” said Dan Miller, Organizing Director of Local 1, UNITE HERE.

Jessica Fisch, a cocktail server and union leader for 16 years at Ameristar said, “We love Steelworkers! When we walked the picket lines at BP, we were inspired to fight harder. Knowing the United Steelworkers has our backs gives us hope that we can win. When my husband got diagnosed with cancer after the Company cut off the health insurance, the Steelworkers were there to support me and it means so much that they continue to boycott the casino.”

The Steelworkers will advise its members to patronize Blue Chip and Majestic Star, which have signed Collective Bargaining Agreements with their union members.

