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UIC Workers Lobby in Springfield, Deliver Strike Petition to UI President Tim Killeen

Dozens of UIC workers and students traveled to Springfield on April 16 as part of a higher education Lobby Day and rallied on the Capitol steps. SEIU Local 73 represents 4,200 civil service workers at UIC, of which nearly 75% are people of color. After the rally, workers confronted President Timothy Killeen and delivered a strike petition signed by over 2,000 UIC members calling for a fair contract by May 1. [Read more](#) on our website and [click here](#) to watch the livestream!

The lobbying and petition delivery send strong messages about supporting UIC workers. As a result of yesterday's discussions, Representative La Shawn Ford invited UIC member and SEIU Local 73 Vice President Vee Steward to give testimony to the Appropriations--Higher Education committee on the need to fully fund UIC and ensure fair pay for the workers who care for patients, serve students, and in many more ways make the university work.

Your bargaining committee has continued to meet with UIC management and has been making steady progress. Member collective action like the petition delivery is what really makes the difference at the bargaining table. We need to keep up the pressure in bargaining over the coming days. That means signing up to attend bargaining as an observer. As we approach May 1, there is bargaining almost every day. Most sessions are on Zoom and you can attend before or after work or during a break. [Click here](#) to see the schedule and sign up.

Member Testimony: Juana Glass



Amid the rising cost of living, stagnant wages make it difficult for UIC workers to survive. Hear Juana Glass, Customer Service Representative, share what higher wages would mean for her and her family. UIC workers need a contract with fair pay now!

[Click here to watch the reel.](#)

Next Steps

- Sign up to attend bargaining [here](#).
- The next Contract Action Team meeting is Thursday, April 25. [Register here](#).

