

October 6, 2004

Margaret Levi
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Dear Ms. Levi:

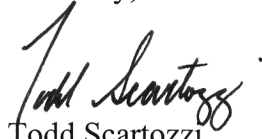
I appreciate your interest in our current negotiations with UNITE HERE. We share your concern for a fair and good contract for every union member.

Despite weeks of negotiations between Washington, DC's Hotel Association and UNITE HERE to reach a new contract agreement, we have been unable to do so. We are in continuous negotiation talks and are working towards a resolution that is fair for all parties involved. The unionized hotels in Washington, DC put forward a comprehensive and generous contract offer that continued to give our associates good wages, benefits and free health insurance. We respect all of our associates and want to continue providing them a great work environment.

As a member of the hotel association the Omni Shoreham Hotel is one of fourteen votes within the unionized hotels. As a group we are committed to working towards a fair and good contract for all of our associates that are Local 25 members. We hope as well, that both parties will come to an expeditious resolution to our differences.

While I regret the circumstances leading to the writing of this letter, I am confident that you should have no concerns about your stay with us in 2005 and beyond. We value your business and are looking forward to your meeting next August. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Todd Scartozzi
Vice President and Managing Director

cc: Susan Giambalvo, Sales Manager