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## **UFCW LOCAL 7 DENVER PROCESSING MEAT PLANT EMPLOYEES VOTE TO STRIKE**

*Denver Processing, Owned by JBS, is Conducting Unfair Labor Practices*

**DENVER** – Today, United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 7 members who work at Denver Processing plant unanimously voted to strike. These 200 Essential Workers, who process beef and pork that goes to major grocers throughout the state, voted to authorize a strike following the company's continued unfair labor practices. The parties have been negotiating this latest contract since September 10, 2022.

**Kim Cordova, Vice President of UFCW International and President of UFCW Local 7 in Colorado and Wyoming, which represents approximately 27,000 workers, issued the following statement:**

“Instead of negotiating in good faith on a fair contract for its workers, Denver Processing is conducting unfair labor practices by unilaterally changing workplace policies that have not been bargained on. These tactics, some of which are presently pending with the National Labor Relations Board, create a precarious and often dangerous workplace for these Essential Workers who risked their health and lives during the pandemic so that we could have meat on our tables.

“Management at the Denver Processing plant and its JBS leadership need to stop unfair labor practices and come to the table with proposals for an industry-leading agreement that honors these workers. If they fail to do so, workers have told us loud and clear, they are prepared to walk out.”

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*Local 7, the largest private Union in Colorado and representing Wyoming, is affiliated with United Food and Commercial Workers International Union which represents over 1.3 million workers in the United States and Canada, and is one of the largest private-sector Unions in North America. UFCW members work in a wide range of industries, including retail food, food processing, agriculture, retail sales, and health care.*

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