

(Fort Lauderdale, FL) Today, Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL) sent the following letter to William A. Meyer, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. The letter urges the Kravis Center to end the ongoing labor dispute and reach an immediate agreement with the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE). **(Please find below and attached a copy of the letter).**

October 4, 2012

Mr. William A. Meyer
Chairman
Board of Directors
The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.
701 Okeechobee Boulevard
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I write to express my dismay over the continued refusal by the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. to bargain in good faith with the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE). As you know, this dispute began in September 2000, when the Kravis Center unlawfully fired stagehands and committed unfair labor practices.

Despite multiple rulings against the Kravis Center, it has yet to pay \$2.6 million in back pay and benefit contributions to IATSE stagehands.

I do not understand why, after twelve years of rulings in the union's favor, your facility is still not willing to cooperate and continues to violate federal labor law.

With a hearing scheduled for October 29, 2012, it is my sincere hope that the Kravis Center will finally put an end to this ongoing dispute, and reach an immediate agreement with the union.

Sincerely,

Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

Congressman Alcee L. Hastings serves as Senior Member of the House Rules Committee, Ranking Democratic Member of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, and Democratic Chairman of the Florida Delegation.

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