

244 Indiana Tollbooth Operators Join Four Local Unions

Workers Want Safety, Working Conditions to Improve

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Nearly 250 workers at the privately run Indiana Toll Road now have a strong voice in their fight to improve working conditions after they voted December 14 to join Locals [135](#), [142](#), 364 and 414.

The 244 tollbooth operators are within the jurisdiction of Joint Council 25 and 69 and the four local unions. Leaders from the joint councils and local unions joined forces to make the campaign a success.

"This is the best example of what can happen when Joint Councils and local unions come together and work together," said Bob Warnock III, President of Local 364 in South Bend, Indiana. "The result is that now 244 workers have a fighting chance to improve their working conditions."

The workers want to see their safety concerns addressed, and they want overall working conditions to improve. They also want to address excessive work hours, job bidding, fair pay and fair benefits.

"There has been a problem with forced overtime," Warnock said. "One of the workers told us about working 16 hours straight."

The toll road is operated by Indiana Toll Road Concessions Company, which hired an anti-worker, anti-union law firm.

"It was a tough campaign, but everybody stuck together," Warnock said.

The leaders from the various local unions will meet soon to discuss contract negotiations.