

*The following are excerpts from letter to the editor written by partner Cody Sexton, a wash alley operator for more than a year at Loc. #09 in Milford. The letter was submitted to the editor of City Beat in response to story titled, "Dirty Laundry," published on July 18, 2007.*

Dear Editor,

It is easy to see that the people of *City Beat* are not real news people, as the content of "Dirty Laundry" was taken directly from union propaganda websites. Why didn't you title it "Unions against Cintas?"

My family and I love how the unions constantly are bashing Cintas, Wal-Mart, and any other large company out there. All they care about is how much they are losing in union dues; they don't care about the people. My brothers and I have seen firsthand from our parents how unions really work. My mother is a proud ex-Teamster.

At our plant, we don't want or need union representation. I don't have to pay anyone any amount of money to talk to my boss for me. I gladly walk right into the general manager's office and speak my mind, and yes I am still employed without paying union dues. I have great benefits and at my plant we are all like a family. Management and regular employees socialize at one another's houses quite often, unlike at a union plant, where this is taboo.

The separation of management and employees, as unions suggest, would make my family life difficult. You see, three members of my family are Cintas partners and some are in management. Not only do unions tell you who you can and cannot associate with, they also tell you who to vote for, when to take break, when to do this and that. I wonder if their members can do anything without them. Reminds me of "Big Brother." I personally like to think for myself.

I really like how you brought up Farmers' political contributions. Personally, I would not give a dime of my money to a political party backed by the unions, intent on telling me how to run my business, who constantly promote hate and discontent, and want to tell me how to live my life their way.

Cintas is a great place to work if you can get beyond all the union propaganda. We support our community and the world through Matthew 25: Ministries -- something no one mentions. We come together in our plant and help provide support when one of our own is suffering. Anytime a major tragedy hits at other locations, all Cintas partners dig deep to help.

We have a nice working environment with free access to talk to whom we want to when we want to. We can even send e-mail all the way to the top of the corporate tower, or speak personally to [CEO Scott] Farmer or any vice president whenever they come to our plant. Furthermore, if anyone is as disgruntled with

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their jobs as you say, why don't they quit and go find a nice union job? Oh wait, most union shops are laying off or closing down and moving out of the county.