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As I begin this communication, I want to point out that we took time to ensure that nobody was killed or injured in the explosion in the Bronx. I thank God nobody was hurt.

This union consistently advocates for safety requirements, including the mandatory qualifications to work on natural gas. This is not only to protect our members, but also the general public. Any New York City resident walking past a building should feel confident that the work inside was performed by a trained and competent professional. Recently, we have seen social media content falsely suggesting that anyone can do this work. When we work with our industry partners to have legislation like Intro 429-A introduced and push to see it enacted, the intention is to prevent situations like this from ever occurring again.

To suggest that cost should take precedence over safety is troubling. What's next - another TikTok of the uninformed claiming you can save on your medical bills by performing surgery on yourself?

Local 1 will continue working to strengthen codes and licenses, push for new laws, and require the most up-to-date qualifications of our members.

We continue to be essential workers.

Fraternally,

Paul O'Connor  
Business Manager

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