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## **MEDIA STATEMENT FROM THE MATTRESS FACTORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Mattress Factory Board of Directors is announcing that effective immediately, Executive Director Michael Olijnyk will be placed on a temporary paid leave. This pro forma action is in response to NLRB charges filed against the museum by current and former employees who say they faced discrimination and retaliation after speaking up together about alleged harassment. The board launched an investigation as soon as it learned of the charges, and is cooperating with the NLRB in its investigation.

The board will be appointing an acting director to run the museum during this time. We expect to name the acting director in the coming days; in the interim, the museum's management leadership team will run day-to-day museum activities with the board's oversight.

The board is also retaining organizational consultants, to engage and empower museum management and staff, to make the museum a better place to work, and to ensure that the museum is delivering on its mission.

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