

...Trump's Carrier deal

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gotiations, and I have likewise, and if you're dealing with people's livelihoods, you sure as the world ought to know what the numbers are," Jones told Burnett.

A few minutes after Jones appeared on CNN, Trump attacked him on Twitter: "Chuck Jones, who is President of United Steelworkers 1999, has done a terrible job representing workers. No wonder companies flee country!"

An hour and fifteen minutes later, Trump had more to say: "If United Steelworkers 1999 was any good, they would have kept those jobs in Indiana. Spend more time working-less time talking. Reduce dues."

Burnett brought Jones back on CNN to respond: "That wasn't very damn nice," Jones said. "That must mean I'm doing a good job. Because these people are making a decent wage at Carrier, and I feel like I'm somewhat involved in making that happen, whereas he does everything he can to keep the unions out of his hotels and casinos in this country, depriving them of making a living wage. ... I appreciate Mr. Trump getting involved and saving as many people's livelihood as he did. I just wish he'd had the numbers right and been up-front."

On Twitter and in the press, Trump's attack on a private citizen sparked outrage. Here was the soon-to-be president of the United States — a man who used Chinese steel in his own

buildings — trash talking a local union president who had fought to get severance packages for workers about to lose their livelihoods to Mexico.

Carrier, in its February announcement, said the closure had nothing to do with the quality of the work. It was because they could save \$65 million a year by paying Mexican workers \$6 an hour. And there's nothing the union can do about that through collective bargaining.

Back when Trump was a candidate, he said he'd threaten Carrier execs with 35 percent tariffs. Now that he's president-elect, he attacked the union president while praising Carrier's CEO — and offering subsidies, tax cuts, and the elimination of regulations — all for a company that's still shipping 600 jobs to Mexico.

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont said Trump set a bad precedent: "He has signaled to every corporation in America that they can threaten to off-shore jobs in exchange for business-friendly tax benefits and incentives," Sanders wrote in an op-ed in The Washington Post.

Meanwhile, in Mexico, one official said he wasn't worried. Francisco Gonzalez, CEO of a government-run trust fund that promotes foreign investment in Mexico, told the newspaper El Universal that if Trump's plan is to provide companies like Carrier with incentives as a way to deter them from sending jobs abroad, "then we're not really worried, because tax incentives are a one-time kind of thing."

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business of OPEIU Local 11 and ensure nothing goes amiss," Colvin said.

She says her goal is to strengthen the union's relationship with members. "We have a challenging new presidential administration coming on board, and the road for unions as a

whole will be tough when considering organizing and sustaining what we have," she said.

"I'm not sure who said this, but one of my favorite quotes is: 'You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.' Right now, that's our only choice."

Colvin says she will run for a

full term as EST next spring.

Local 11 represents approximately 1,800 members employed in all phases of office, professional, technical and industrial related work located in five states — Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah. Its largest bargaining unit is NW Natural.



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