

Terry:

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We were aghast at the blatant insensitivity of the phony phishing email employees received Wednesday.

Tribune Publishing employees are reeling right now.

An ever-increasing number of us have lost our newsrooms and are now required by the company to carve out space in our homes or apartments to work while the company refuses reimbursement to make us whole. And some are still trying to climb out of the financial hole that the summer furloughs or permanent pay cuts created.

To send out an email that baits employees by pretending to offer bonuses that were created "by the ongoing efforts to cut our costs" is utterly heartless. It contradicts your claims about how much employees matter.

While we appreciate the attempt at an apology, it is far from sufficient. For one thing, national media journalists were reporting the apology before any of us heard it from the company.

We want better for employees.

We want the company to excuse those who clicked on the link from training and we want a full apology from you, as our CEO, acknowledging how egregious this email was.

Sincerely,

The Baltimore Sun Guild

Chesapeake News Guild

Chicago Tribune Guild

DPS Guild

The Hartford Courant Guild

The Morning Call Guild

Orlando Sentinel Guild

Tidewater Media Guild

Tribune Content Guild