

Solidarity from members of CAW-Ford Local 707, Oakville, Ontario Assembly,

For Oct. 16, 2010 picket against concessions, at UAW Solidarity House

As an autoworker for the Ford Motor Company in Oakville, Ontario, and a rank and file member of CAW Local 707, I would like to extend my support, along with my brothers and sisters on the line, for all UAW members fighting against concessions, and at this time in particular, the members of Locals 5960 and 23.

When I first became an autoworker I was stunned to learn exactly how hard these men and women work, not just a physically demanding job, but one that requires great mental and emotional stability. Then solidarity meant we had each other's backs and we were treated and compensated equally. Now solidarity seems to mean how do we find ways to boost the company's profit margins and reduce their cost per unit.

Our backs are breaking on the line working more for less, and for all the concessions we've made, we've lost our jobs and the threats continue. Sadly, it's our very own leadership who have helped the corporations shackle us into wage slavery and desparity. Without us there is no assembly line moving to produce their wealth, without our jobs we die. We workers and our future generation deserve more than a life of servitude. We deserve a life of good health, culture and recreation. We deserve to sit down and relax for ten minutes without thinking about when we are going to lose our jobs and if we can make ends me. We deserve to live without life being a competition.

Life is not a competition.

You have the support of the rank and file members of CAW Local 707,

In solidarity,

Sister Lindsay Hinshelwood

and

Brother Larry Wells