

GM: Resolve situation of workers dismissed for occupational injuries

- an update

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On Monday, August 6th, GM walked out of negotiations with the injured workers of ASOTRECOL without resolving anything. The meeting had involvement from the Colombian government and the International Labor Organization. GM has not expressed interest in any further meetings.

As the injured GM workers enter their third week of hunger strike, please help exert pressure on General Motors to resolve the situation of these mistreated workers immediately.

Wednesday August 15th is an international day of action, with a number of actions happening:

In Detroit, MI there will be an emergency demonstration outside of General Motors headquarters...

All over the U.S., letters expressing community concern will be delivered to GM dealerships....

In McLean, Virginia, GM CEO Dan Akerson's hometown, a demonstration will take place...

All over the world, people will be fasting in solidarity with the hunger strikers. You can fast for as long as you're able to--an hour, an afternoon, a day. We are encouraging fasters to take pictures of themselves with placards explaining why they are fasting and/or with "stitches" drawn on their mouths, mimicking the real stitches on the mouths of the hunger strikers. Here is the Facebook event for the solidarity fasts:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/489738221054557/>

Please take photos of any actions that you participate in, then post the pictures to the Witness for Peace facebook page, GM's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/generalmotors), and through twitter (with the hashtag #shameonGM) to GM's Twitter account (@GM).

If at all possible, please take a picture of yourself in front of a GM vehicle or GM dealership (this includes Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, Opel, Vauxhall, and Holden). We want GM to know that their customers care about this issue!

In addition, folks are encouraged to call their representatives and express their concern over this situation.

Wednesday is also a great day to reach out to friends and get them to sign the petition, a surge in signatures on this day would also serve to pressure key decision makers.

Get involved in some way on Wednesday.... Lets make a big splash!

Sincerely, ASOTRECOL Solidarity Network

ASOTRECOL <http://www.asotrecol.com/>

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The Association of Injured Workers and Ex-Workers of General Motors Colombia.

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