

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, share the conviction that workers injured at their jobs rightfully deserve medical care for those injuries for the duration of the consequences of the injuries, including lifelong care when the consequences of injury persist through a lifetime. We believe that injured workers deserve as does everyone the opportunity for gainful employment and to learn the skills necessary for such employment. And we believe that no worker's family should suffer deprivation, no child should go hungry or houseless, because of the neglect of an irresponsible employer.

We therefore call specifically upon General Motors to meet immediately with the workers injured in its Colombian operations and organized as ASOTRECOL, the Association of Injured Workers and Ex-Workers of GM Colombia, and to agree forthwith upon specific measures to fulfill the corporation's responsibilities to workers injured at their jobs at GM Colombia.

We further call upon the governments of both nations to expedite and to support in every way possible the prompt resolution of this long-standing injustice, and to assist the workers and their families in recovering from the ordeal they have so long endured.

We finally insist that all parties commit to the steps necessary to prevent any similar injustice from happening again, including recognition in word and in deed of the right of workers to organize to represent their interests and to defend their rights.

Nosotros, organizaciones e individuos firmantes de esta carta, compartimos la convicción que trabajadores heridos en sus puestos de trabajo merecen con derecho pleno cuidado médico para dichas heridas para la duración de las consecuencias de las heridas, incluso cuidado por vida entera cuando las consecuencias de una herida siguen toda la vida. Creemos que trabajadores heridos merecen como cada persona la oportunidad para empleo remunerativo y para aprender las capacidades necesarias para ese empleo. Y creemos que ninguna familia de trabajador debe padecer privación, a ningún niño ni niña debe faltar comida ni techo, por razón del incumplimiento de sus responsabilidades por parte de un patrón.

Por eso hacemos una llamada específicamente a General Motors que se reúna de inmediato con los trabajadores heridos en sus operaciones en Colombia y organizados como ASOTRECOL, La Asociación de Trabajadores y Ex-Trabajadores de Colmotores, y que se acuerden sin retraso sobre medidas específicas para cumplir con las responsabilidades de la corporación a los trabajadores heridos en sus puestos de trabajo a GM Colombia.

Además hacemos una llamada a los gobiernos de ambos países que ayuden y apoyen en cada manera posible la resolución inmediata de esta injusticia larga, y que respalden los trabajadores y sus familias en su recuperación de las experiencias malas que han aguantado tanto tiempo.

Por fin exigimos que todos se comprometan a los pasos necesarios para evitar cualquier injusticia parecida en el futuro, incluso el reconocimiento de palabra y de hecho del derecho de los trabajadores de organizar para representar sus intereses y para defender sus derechos.

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Minnesota AFL-CIO



North East Area Labor Council, Minnesota

Duluth Central Labor Council

International Action Center

Michigan Emergency Committee Against War and Injustice

Moratorium Now! Coalition to Stop Foreclosures, Evictions and Utility Shutoffs

U.S. - Cuba Labor Exchange

Graduate Employees' Organization, Local 3550, American Federation of Teachers

Witness for Peace - Upper Midwest

Witness for Peace – New England

Witness for Peace – Northwest (GM and US government letters only)

Witness for Peace national (GM and US government letters only)

Fellowship of Reconciliation

Oregon Fair Trade Campaign

Oregon AFL-CIO

Oregon New Sanctuary Movement

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee

Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (CRLN)

US Labor Education in the Americas Project

Michigan Coalition for Human Rights

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