

General Motors Nominated for “Corporate Excellence” Award as Disabled GM Workers and Families Starve

National protests at GM Headquarters in Detroit and U.S. State Dept. in D.C on Wednesday, Nov. 28th

Media Advisory

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WHAT: Solidarity Protest for Hunger Strikers demanding immediate negotiations with GM-Detroit. Scheduled speakers from ASOTRECOL President, local unions, community organizations, and faith groups.

WHY: The President of the Association of Injured and Ex-Workers of General Motors Colombia (ASOTRECOL), Jorge Parra, sewed his mouth shut on November 20th and is on hunger strike. Jorge Parra and national organizations demand that GM Detroit immediately negotiate with ASOTRECOL. Jorge's fellow workers continue their 15-month-long tent occupation outside the U.S. embassy in Bogotá, Colombia. Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is considering awarding General Motors the “Award for Corporate Excellence,” citing GM's “exemplary labor practices” and its overall “corporate social responsibility.” In 2006 the Bush administration granted the award to Colmotores, the GM plant located in Bogotá, Colombia--the same plant responsible for destroying the lives of the ASOTRECOL workers.

WHEN: 3:30-5pm, Wednesday, November 28th (Detroit location)

WHERE: GM Headquarters; 400 Renaissance Center Drive, Detroit
U.S. State Department; Ben Franklin Room, Washington D.C.



ASOTRECOL President and Hunger Striker, Jorge Parra, with lips sewn shut. Nov. 20th