

Resolution to UAW Local

Whereas,

As a result of a strike by UAW Local 3520 Freightliner members in April 2007 over health and safety and other conditions and benefits, the management of Freightliner in Cleveland, North Carolina has fired 5 UAW strike leaders and members of the Bargaining Committee and Executive Board and,

Whereas,

The need to prevent retaliation of union leaders for defending their members is critical in not only defending the local but showing workers throughout the South that the labor movement believes an injury to one is an injury to all and,

Whereas,

The UAW which is involved in organizing workers throughout the South cannot afford to allow the victimization of these UAW Local 3520 union leaders if we are going to be able to convince other unorganized workers that they can depend on the UAW to fight for their rights and,

Whereas,

These brothers and sisters have exhausted their unemployment benefits, have been unemployed since April 5, 2007 and are fighting for funding to continue their struggle for justice and,

Whereas,

The company with the support of the arbitrator is seeking to obstruct the union arbitration by insisting on 5 separate arbitration's and,

Whereas,

It is critical that the labor movement support those trade unionists who are organizing the labor movement in the South and protect them from union busting, retaliation and the anti-labor onslaught,

Whereas,

The UAW cannot allow these local union leaders from being targeted and punished for defending their members and the principles and the builders of this union who believed that we need justice for all and an injury to one is an injury to all,

Therefore,

Be it resolved this local calls for UAW President Ron Gettelfinger and the UAW Executive Board to immediately provide strike payments and medical benefits to fired UAW Local 3520 union leaders and members Robert Whiteside, Allen Bradley, Franklin Torrence, Glenna Swinford, and David Crisco. We ask that you immediately pay them strike payments from the date they were fired for their union activities and defending the membership of their local.

This local calls on the UAW President Ron Gettelfinger and the UAW Executive Board to place an article about their firing and the need to defend them in the Solidarity Magazine and on the UAW Web site and,

This local will send a letter to President Gettelfinger and the UAW Executive Board calling on them to take this action of solidarity for our fired UAW Local 3520 brothers and sisters.