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Mr. Robert McEllrath, President  
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Dear President McEllrath:

The 1.4 million members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters stand in solidarity with the ILWU in your fight for good jobs and union recognition at the Port of Longview. We join Teamster Joint Council 37 and transportation unions worldwide in demanding that EGT respect its agreement to recognize and negotiate a fair collective bargaining agreement with the ILWU.

EGT's actions are another example of the War on Workers in the United States to weaken our democratic rights to union representation and decent pay and benefits. The ILWU has represented workers at the Port of Longview for 80 years to the great benefit of those workers, the community and longshore workers all along the west coast. Over many years the Teamsters and the ILWU have worked in solidarity for our members, our community and our country; I recall the strong relationship between my father and the pioneering ILWU leader Harry Bridges. We are proud to stand in solidarity with the ILWU today and in the future.

In Solidarity,



James P. Hoffa  
General President

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Attachments