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May 19, 2013

ILWU Local 8
2435 NW Front Avenue
Portland, OR 97209

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

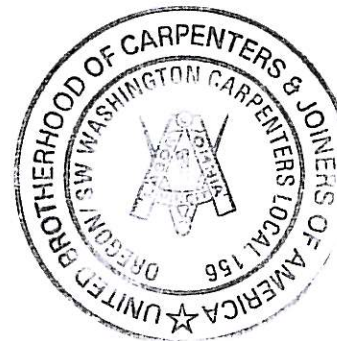
Members who attended the meeting of Carpenters Local 156 on May 11, 2013 passed the following motion:

"To send resolution (attached) to ILWU Locals 4 and 8 and to all carpenter locals in the NW Council and put on our local web page."

The resolution is attached.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jennifer Van Datta
Recording Secretary



Resolution in Defense of ILWU Local 8 & ILWU Local 4

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 4 Columbia Grain locked out members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Local 8 in Portland; and

WHEREAS, this lockout is part of a union-busting offensive by the grain shippers cartel against the ILWU, beginning with erecting the scab EGT terminal threatening the jobs of ILWU Local 21 members in Longview, WA; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, United Grain locked out ILWU Local 4 members in Vancouver, WA and hired scabs and armed security guards from the professional union-busting firm J.R. Gettier; and

WHEREAS, across the river in Portland Columbia Grain has now escalated the attack on ILWU by doing the same thing to Local 8; and

WHEREAS, the grain monopolies act in collusion to lower standards for workers by locking out workers and busting unions; and

WHEREAS, ILWU's history has shown that solidarity is labor's most effective means of defeating the bosses' offensive; and

WHEREAS, members of the Japan Seamen's Union (JSU) refused to open their hatches and allow scabs to load grain onto their ship in Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, on March 15 the Japanese rail workers union Doro-Chiba picketed the Mitsui Corporation, owners of United Grain, in solidarity with locked-out longshore workers in Vancouver, WA; and

WHEREAS, on May 1 Longshore workers of ILWU Local 10 respected picket lines of longshore retirees at the Mitsui terminal in Port of Oakland protesting PMA's stealing of medical benefits and in solidarity with locked-out ILWU members in Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, Portland is a union town, and PICKET LINES MEAN DO NOT CROSS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Carpenters Local 156 will aid our sisters and brothers of ILWU Local 8 in building mass pickets at Columbia Grain at the Port of Portland, as well as rallies and other solidarity actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Carpenters Local 156 will mobilize our membership to participate in the mass rally called by Local 8 to be held at Kelly Point Park at 12:00pm on June 1st to support ILWU Local 8 under the banner "AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL - NO SCABS IN PORTLAND!".

Carpenters Locals in PNWRCC

- Send to All
- Put on website
- ILWU Locals 8 & 4