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INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA - UAW

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Miguel Torres  
President  
CNTM – Confederação Nacional dos Trabalhadores Metalúrgicos/Força Sindical

Dear President Miguel Torres:

On behalf of the more than one million active and retired members of the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), we are writing to express our solidarity and support to the Brazilian Metalworkers in your effort to defend workers' rights and against the policies of the right wing politicians, businessmen and their allies in Congress.

**We fully support the national strike on September 29.** We support your call for unity among all Trade Unions, confederations, labor federations and unions from all over Brazil. We stand with you in opposing outsourcing without limits, a twelve-hour workday and increases to the retirement age.

We share your opposition to the injustice that, when the economy grows, profits are with large companies and banks, but when the economy declines; workers are made to pay the price. We stand with you in your struggle for health, education, housing and quality public transportation and we support your efforts to put an end to economic policies that serve only the interests of the banks and big business. Like you, we agree that eliminating workers' rights does not create jobs.

The dedicated backing of Brazilian unions has been a truly exemplary act of international solidarity in our campaigns. The courageous and successful actions along the years again demonstrate this fact. The solidarity of our brothers and sisters in Brazil has been essential in the campaigns for fairness at Nissan and Volkswagen.

The UAW is confident that we have built a partnership that will stand the test of time. On behalf of our members we would like to offer our solidarity at this difficult moment that unions are going thru in Brazil. We look forward to working together in the future to achieve justice and fairness for all working men and women.

In Solidarity,

Dennis Williams, President  
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