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INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA – UA

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

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 against the policies of the right-wing politicians, businessmen and their allies in Congress.

We fully support the national general strike on next Friday, April 28th. 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, flexibility of workers' rights and pension reforms.

We stand with you in your struggle for health, education, housing, and quality public transportation. We also 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 new 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 have 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 through in Brazil. We look forward to working together in the future to achieve justice and fairness for all working men and women.

In Solidarity,

Handwritten signature of Dennis D. Williams in black ink.

Dennis D. Williams  
President

Handwritten signature of Gary Casteel in black ink.

Gary Casteel  
Secretary-Treasurer