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Resolution of Support for Our Canadian Brothers and Sisters on the CN Railroad

Whereas, our UTU represented brothers and sisters on the Canadian National property in Canada have voted overwhelmingly (upwards of 95% or more in most locals) to take legal strike action; and

Whereas the Canadian National – like the other Class I rail carriers in North America – has made record profits over the course of the last year: and

Whereas the demands of our rank-and-file Brothers and Sisters are reasonable, modest and just, and are completely in-line with what other North American railroaders would expect to achieve in bargaining; and

Whereas, whenever a group of workers take such strike action it is imperative that all working people come to their aid and assistance, both individually and collectively through our unions; and

Whereas, a victorious outcome for the rank-and-file on the Canadian National would represent a victory for ALL North American railway workers, while similarly, a loss would mean a defeat for all of us; and

Whereas, all railroaders and our unions must present a united front in the face of the carriers' attacks, and it is absolutely imperative we strive for the greatest possible unity and solidarity; and

Whereas, the UTU International President has publicly indicated he will disregard the overwhelming vote of UTU rank-and-filers on the CN, and he has given fodder to the CN management in their efforts to stop the strike action; and

Whereas, ROCU has just published a draft of a proposed Constitution and Merger Agreement which, among other democratic provisions, puts the power to strike in the hands of those who should wield it – the rank-and-file; and would never allow one union officer to override such a massively overwhelming, legal, majority decision of the rank-and-file membership.

Therefore, be it resolved, that Railroad Operating Crafts United (ROCU) calls upon the rank-and-file members of the United Transportation Union (UTU) and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen (BLET) to make every effort to support our brothers and sisters on strike in Canada; and

Be it further resolved, that ROCU urges all UTU members to demand that the UTU International issue a public declaration of support for the strikers; and

Be it finally resolved that ROCU calls upon the UTU International officers, all of rail labor and organized labor in general, to support our Brothers and Sisters on the Canadian National Railroad.