

“All workers everywhere stand with railroad workers!”: Workers denounce Washington’s imposition of sellout contract on railroaders

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The Railroad Workers Rank-and-File Committee is holding an online rally this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Eastern/ 4:00 p.m. Pacific time to oppose Washington’s imposition of a contract that workers rejected to block a national strike. Register for the event [here](#). All supporters of the railroaders are urged to attend.

Over the weekend, the *World Socialist Web Site* and the Railroad Workers Rank-and-File Committee have received dozens of statements from workers around the world expressing support and solidarity for US railroaders, following last week’s passage of a bipartisan law imposing a contract which workers rejected.

Biden and congressional Democrats shed crocodile tears as they rammed through the deal with record speed, claiming that banning strike action was necessary to protect “working families.” But these letters show that workers support the railroaders, not Washington. Many even said they would support wildcat strike action against the contract and pledged to do whatever they could to support it.

We produce a section of these statements below. Send your comments either by filling out the form at the bottom of this article, or by emailing the RWRFC at railwrfc@gmail.com.

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Suburban Washington D.C.: “Congress’s action further solidifies how [distant] the systems of government stand from the desires of their constituents. I support all workers’ rights to rebel against authoritarianism and exploitation, and I am hopeful that a wildcat strike not only cripples our national economy, but that it also bankrupts the exploitative elites who

have been rapaciously profiting off the backs of an overly-exploited but fed-up proletariat. Solidarity forever!”

Tasmania, Australia: “The only way: unite your class struggles with other Key Industries who, be it Nurses and Teachers, have brought the whole US of A to a quivering halt in many areas, and expose the treachery of the corrupt, present-day, highly paid, Union-Bosses, Sell-Out-Merchants.”

Southeast Michigan: “What ‘our’ elected politicians have done in this matter is not happening in a vacuum. This is part of a greater capitalist strategy that has been conducted since neo-liberal gangster-capitalist Reagan.

“Many of you have realized and observed that, for the capitalists and their sycophant pawns in the US Congress and their servile corporate agents controlling the unions, they [work out] any sort of compromise with the workers. ... Just think of how all those senators, and congressmen, and board of directors, and union officials live. Like kings. They expect you to work 24 hours a day for free. I truly hope everyone gets inspired now. I wish you all the very best of luck.”

Glasgow, Scotland: “Standing in solidarity from across the pond!”

Hampshire, England: “We’re standing with you. Solidarity from the UK.”

Surrey, England: “As a British rail worker, I cannot believe my US equivalent is not paid full sick pay for the first 6 months of illness. Also, it’s incredible that Congress gets to vote on US rail workers’ terms, conditions and pay rates, etc. I can only offer my full support to the striking US rail workers and urge them to continue their fight against the greedy capitalists that

are suppressing their human rights.”

Cleveland, Ohio: “Any contract that railway workers have already rejected is invalid and inoperative. Any suspension of railroader democratic and Constitutional rights is equally invalid and inoperative.

“A precedent for future attacks by the ruling classes on the whole working class can be blocked ONLY [if] ALL workers everywhere stand with railroad workers NOW!”

Frederick, Maryland: “Union management has been co-opted by the owners. Politicians work for the owners. We do not stand a chance unless we unite globally.”

Bangor, Maine: “Unite and strike! I can go without my Lucky Charms being delivered.”

A student: “I am emailing to express my full support for any and all collective action taken by railway employees, particularly in light of this recent troubling vote by the US Congress. I am presently a student and previously spent ten years as a service industry worker, and in fact have been writing an essay highlighting the injustice of these actions by President Joe Biden and the members of the House and the Senate. I believe that this vote sets a terrible precedent and that all workers everywhere should stand up in solidarity with the railroaders. We have nothing to lose but our chains!

Anonymous: “I support the railroad workers and all workers in their efforts to wrestle humane contracts from their employers.”

Detroit, Michigan: “I live in metro Detroit. I work for a bloodsucking tax dodging billionaire parasite at Amazon. Normally i just try to spread awareness about the causes i believe in, but watching some lying senile old idiot invite people to the White House to eat lobster a couple days after he tells the working class to go to hell got me feeling like I need to do whatever i can within the realms of legality to help you guys and your cause.

“I don’t mind bringing a ton of pizzas to strikers or standing with them in solidarity on my days off. I’ve never participated in something like this so im not sure how to be of service.”

Detroit, Michigan: “I am not a railroader but have been following your developments for some time. If a strike happens, I am in Michigan near Detroit and would be happy to support at the picket line. If anything is needed, please do not hesitate to reach out

or share my information with the local.”

Tucson, Arizona: “Ambition of a few the sloth of many the pain of all the luxury of pity. With their sweet talk they promise us the world but leave us crumbs we ask for a fraction and they make more bombs. There is no war but class war!”



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