



# Railroad Workers United

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## Resolution in Support of Locomotive Builders & Union Standards

**Whereas**, workers in the North American locomotive industry have worked tirelessly and over many decades to improve their wages and conditions through constant union struggle and vigilance; and

**Whereas**, the primary locomotive building employers today – General Electric (GE) and Caterpillar (CAT) -- are engaged in a coordinated anti-union offensive, engaging in lockouts, plant closures, and relocation of work to non-union facilities and outsourcing of work to non-union suppliers; and

**Whereas**, railroad workers -- particularly train and engine crews -- have a vital interest in working in, on and around locomotives that are reliable and safely built; and

**Whereas**, this corporate move by GE and CAT to shift to non-union railroad locomotive building in North America is not in the interest of working railroaders or the labor movement in general;

**Therefore, Be it Resolved** that Railroad Workers United condemns this corporate push towards non-union locomotive building with all of its destructive impacts on manufacturing and operating rail labor both; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that RWU build bridges of solidarity with the unionized locomotive builders and assist in whatever way possible to halt the corporate push towards non-union locomotive building in North America, and urge the rail unions – particularly the unions of the operating crafts – to do the same.

***This Resolution adopted by the members assembled at the RWU Third Biennial Convention Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois***