



Railroad Workers United

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RWU Resolution in Support of Fired Whistleblower

Whereas on July 18th, 2012, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) at the Department of Labor (DOL) charged the Canadian National Railway (CN) with violation of the whistleblower provisions of the Federal Rail Safety Act when it fired carman Steve Desavouret in March of 2008; and

Whereas OSHA found that carman Steve Desavouret did not violate any CN rules or policies but was fired for reporting and on-the-job injury; and

Whereas CN has to date refused to obey the order to immediate reinstate Steve Desavouret to his former position at the Markham, Illinois terminal

Therefore, Be it Resolved that Railroad Workers United (RWU) demands that the CN Railway immediately abide by the order of the Department of Labor and reinstate carman Steve Desavouret to his former position with full wages and benefits; and

Be it further Resolved that RWU encourages messages of protest be sent to:

Canadian National Railway
Labor Relations Department
17641 Ashland Avenue
Homewood IL 60430-1339

And Be it Finally Resolved that RWU encourages all railroad workers to bring this issue to their unions and to publicize the case among their co-workers.

Resolution adopted by the RWU Steering Committee August 7, 2012