

Railroad Workers United



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RWU Resolution In Support of Mobile Rail Solutions Workers to Organize A Union

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Whereas, the workers at Mobile Rail Solutions (MRS) are utilizing their legal right to organize a union of their own choosing; and

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of the workers have signed authorization cards to recognize the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) as their bargaining agent and representative; and

Whereas, Mobile Rail Solutions management commits heinous acts to block organizing efforts of workers expressing desires to organize as a union; and

Whereas, MRS management continually harass workers by spying, interrogation, using threats of replacing workers, and intimidation; and

Whereas, these fellow workers are intrinsically bound up in the rail industry, and as such, they deserve the same solidarity and support that any and all railroad workers deserve from fellow railroad workers; and

Whereas, much of the work that these fellow workers perform was in fact once performed by unionized workers, employees of rail companies, until the work was subcontracted out by the carriers; and

Whereas, history shows that solidarity is labor's most effective means of defeating the bosses' offensive;

Therefore, Be it Resolved that Railroad Workers United supports the efforts of our brothers at Mobile Rail Solutions to organize into a union, and calls on MRS to stop the harassment and intimidation of the workforce; and

Be it further Resolved that RWU will encourage its members in the Chicago area to get involved in support activities on behalf of the workers at MRS; and

Be it further Resolved that RWU will work to enlist all railroad workers to support this important struggle of contract workers to the rail industry; and

Be it Finally Resolved that RWU calls on the rail labor leadership to lend their support to the efforts of these gallant workers, since "their fight is our fight".

Adopted by the RWU Steering Committee July17th, 2013