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## **RWU Resolution in Support of Striking Verizon Workers**

**Whereas**, 40,000 Verizon employees who are part of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) went on strike on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 along the east coast; and

**Whereas**, our brothers and sisters in the CWA and IBEW have been working for Verizon without a contract since august; and

**Whereas**, in addition to outsourcing jobs (already 5000 to other countries), Verizon wants to cut job security for its workers, keep union members working in locations away from their homes and families for as long as two months, freeze pensions at 30 years and cut retirees' health care coverage, cut benefits for workers injured on the job and cut healthcare benefits; and

**Whereas**, Verizon insists these cuts are necessary despite massive profits: \$39 billion over the past three years and \$8.9 billion in 2015 alone; and

**Whereas**, according to proxy statements filed for 2015, five of the top executives at Verizon each earned more than \$6 million in 2014, in cash, equity and other compensation, and the chairman and CEO Lowell C. McAdam made \$18,260,568, making him one of the five highest paid executives in the telecommunications sector and one of the 200 highest-paid CEOs in the nation, according to the Equilar 200 Highest-Paid CEO Rankings; and

**Whereas**, railroad workers know very well what it means to work without a contract, which is standard procedure with the railway labor act, which can drag out negotiations for years, while the cost of living goes up; and

**Whereas**, in addition, rail workers know how it feels to work under demeaning rules, uncertain schedules, petty harassment and a constant threat of job loss;

**Therefore be it Resolved**, that the Railroad Workers United stands behind striking Verizon workers in their bold effort to keep good, stable jobs and win a good contract; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that RWU calls upon railroad workers to join in picket lines, rallies and other actions as conducted by the striking workers.

**Adopted by the RWU Steering Committee 5/22/16**