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Resolution on Solidarity with UK Railway Workers

Whereas, railroad workers and their unions in the United Kingdom are under attack by the government and the private for-profit corporations that operate much of the rail system there; and

Whereas the latest attack is manifest in the form of drastic staff cuts including the introduction of driver only trains that eliminate the Guard (conductor) position; and

Whereas, two unions – the Rail, Marine and Transport workers (RMT) and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers & Firemen (ASLEF) – have already taken – and/or plan to take - strike action in defense of their members and rail safety; and

Whereas this struggle holds similarities to the fight in the United States for the preservation of the two-person crew;

Therefore, be it Resolved that RWU stand in solidarity with UK rail way workers in their struggle; and

Be it further resolved, that we urge the unions of the operating craft in the U.S. – the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) and the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, Transportation union (SMART) – to add their voices of support for these brothers and sisters in the UK; and

Be it further resolved that the RWU urges these US rail unions to send a representative to the UK to explore, investigate and to better understand the ramifications of the struggle and to personally express the solidarity of US rail workers; and

Be it finally resolved that RWU form a special *Solidarity Committee with UK Rail Labor* to stay informed of the developments in this ongoing struggle and to take solidarity actions as necessary in the coming months and years ahead.

Adopted by the RWU Steering Committee 8/31/16