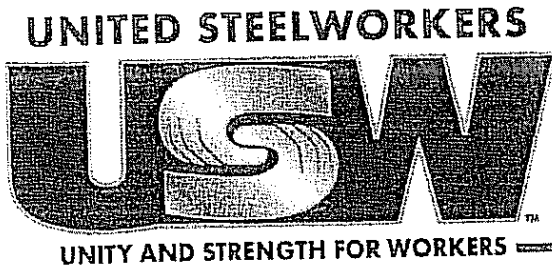




Local 1005 USW has received the following Endorsements and Support

- **Leo Gerard, International President United Steelworkers, Pittsburg, P.A., USA**
- **Wayne Fraser, District Director, District 6 United Steelworkers, Toronto, On.**
- **Lisa Hammond, President, Hamilton-Wentworth Elementary Teachers Local**
- **Bill Ferguson, President Local 8782 United Steelworkers, Nanticoke, On.**
- **Randy Smith, President CAW Local 504, Hamilton, On.**
- **Darren Green, President Local 5328 United Steelworkers, Hamilton, On.**
- **John Fera, President Local 6500, United Steelworkers, Sudbury, On.**
- **Derron Vernon, President CUPE Local 5167, Hamilton, On.**
- **Angelo Debellis, Health & Safety Rep. Active Canadian Emergency Training**
- **Patrick (Sid) Ryan, President, OFL/FTO, Toronto, On**
- **Elaine Young, President, OPSEU Local 205 Hamilton, On**
- **Brenda Smith, President Local 16506 USW, Hamilton, On**
- **Anthony Marco, President OSSTF District 21, Hamilton, On**
- **Mary Long, President & Tom Atterton, Secretary Hamilton & District Labour Council CLC, Hamilton, On**
- **Scott Duvall, Councillor – Ward 7, Hamilton, On**
- **Ken Neumann, National Director for Canada, United Steelworkers, Toronto, On**
- **Shawn Haggerty, President UFCW Local 175, Mississauga, On**
- **John McCann, President Teamsters Union Local 879, Hamilton, On**
- **Mark Platt, President Canadian Union of Postal Workers Local 548, Hamilton, On**
- **Linda Haslam-Stroud RN, President Ontario Nurses Association, Toronto, On**
- **Jim Galvin, President C.E.P. Gas Workers' Council, Hamilton, On**
- **Denis Kavanagh, President Local 6571 US, Hamilton, On**
- **Ken Georgetti, President, Canadian Labour Congress**
- **Brian McHattie, Councillor Ward 1, City of Hamilton**



Leo W. Gerard
International President

April 7, 2010

Mr. Rolf Gerstenberger, President
USW – Local Union 1005

Dear Brother Gerstenberger:

Many of us have witnessed the dismantling of the manufacturing base not just in Ontario but across Canada. This is a result of greed, opportunism, indifference and the fiscal policies of the Canadian government. Real progress comes from the manufacturing of things, not the manipulation of pieces of paper by so-called financial wizards. We need more real engineers who want to make things, and less financial engineers who try to manipulate things.

In Hamilton we have watched as workers at the once proud Stelco plant were thrown into the disarray of CCAA. Threats permeated that day. Bond holders, speculators and others who have never even visited the Hamilton area treated the livelihoods of thousands of our members and our communities as disposable commodities. Hundreds, if not thousands of workers have still not recovered; they continue to be threatened by outside forces as our manufacturing sector gets eroded under the eyes of a disengaged federal government.

Communities throughout Canada have seen plant after plant shut down, wages slashed and pensions robbed. The elimination of good-paying jobs being replaced with an inadequate employment insurance program and a soaring welfare rate has crippled governments, as our manufacturing base has been destroyed with these wrong-headed public policies.

The federal government's insistence that we are free traders and that we are open for business has led far too many foreign, multi-national companies entering Canada with the intent to do nothing more than exploit our citizens, exploit our natural resources and take our order books. Once they have them, they are free to leave behind bricks and mortar and devastated families who are left to pick up the pieces. The fiscal policy of the federal government is to keep the Canadian dollar near or at par with the U.S. dollar. This invites more of the same failed economic policies.

We need to only look at recent attacks on auto workers in Ontario and the USA, and Vale Inco workers in Sudbury, Port Colborne and Voisey's Bay. How do you fight to keep what was fairly negotiated when our own government is giving away our future and demanding workers make concessions?

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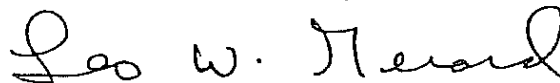


This is indeed "nation wrecking." Our union applauds the efforts of Local 1005 and others in their efforts to bring the labour movement and our communities together to stand up for working families all across Canada who are being attacked each and every day with no support from their elected officials. We need a manufacturing plan for Ontario and for every province in Canada. Our federal government needs to take action to rebuild the industrial base across the country and put the Canadian resources to work for our families and communities.

We can stand back and raise our hands in frustration, or we can find ways to demonstrate that workers, families and communities deserve better. We need to say to the federal and provincial governments, and the corporations which place little value on Canadian families, that "enough is enough!"

Please get as many people as possible active on May 1 – and every day afterwards – so that workers can fight to put a halt to the devastation and infestation of corporate greed and the political indifference demonstrated by our governments in Canada and fight for a better future for our families.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leo W. Gerard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leo W. Gerard
International President

c: Ken Neumann
Wayne Fraser



District 6
Ontario & Atlantic Provinces

Wayne Fraser
District Director

April 8, 2010

Mr. Rolf Gerstenberger
President, USW Local 1005
350 Kenilworth Ave North
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Dear Brother Gerstenberger,

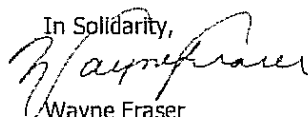
Local 1005 has a very rich and proud history of standing up and fighting for justice for our members, retirees and our communities. Once again you are taking a leading role by taking to the streets and mobilizing workers to stand up against the blatant attacks on our way of life by global predators such as US Steel., Vale, and Gerdeau. Right across our great nation and in work place after work place workers rights are under massive attacks.

In our District alone we have over 5000 members walking the line today, trying to stop the roll backs of their rights that they have fought long and hard for in their Collective Agreements. Some of our battles have been going on for over two years and with no end in sight. The determination and courage of our members and their families engaged in these disputes is remarkable. I can't put in words how proud I am of them for standing up against these formidable giants. I want to take this opportunity to thank Local 1005 for your tremendous solidarity you have provided to our brothers and sisters walking the line.

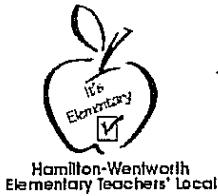
While workers, retirees and our communities are under attack the Mguinty Liberals and the Harper Conservatives sit on their hands. Their absolute silence during this aggression against workers demonstrates whose side they are on. They have chosen to side with the rich and powerful, over doing the right thing and standing up for Workers, their families our communities and our Country. We must never forget, nor should we ever forgive them for shirking their responsibility and pushing Canadians aside and selling out Canada.

The Steelworkers will continue to fight for what's right and I applaud your local and all of your members for always being there, for always leading the way and for always standing up for justice and dignity for workers.

We must never give up, for change only comes when it is fought for.

In Solidarity,

Wayne Fraser
Director District 6
United Steelworkers

cc Jake Lombardo



Lisa Hammond –President

April 6, 2010

President Rolf and Local 1005 USW Executive:

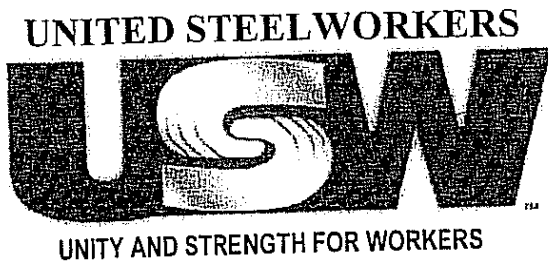
The Hamilton-Wentworth Elementary Teachers' Local sends its endorsement of Local 1005 USW's May 1st Rally.

On this day of international solidarity among workers, we stand beside our brothers and sisters of Local 1005, as they lead us in protest against the loss of manufacturing jobs, and the shameful devastation of this nation.

We also send our gratitude for the years of struggle undertaken by generations of Steelworkers, and many other labour activists: we join you as you stand in defense of pensions and jobs, the very benefits which were so hard won by generations of determined workers in this country.

In solidarity,

Lisa Hammond
President
Hamilton-Wentworth Elementary Teachers' Local



LOCAL 8782

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APRIL 5 2010

ROLF GERSTENBERGER

PRESIDENT

USW LOCAL 1005

DEAR ROLF,

USW LOCAL 8782 IS PROUD TO STAND WITH LOCAL 1005 IN THE ONGOING FIGHT TO PROTECT WORKERS.

THE LOSS OF MANUFACTURING JOBS, THE PENSION EROSIONS AND THE GENERAL NATION WRECKING MUST AND WILL STOP.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE MAY 1ST RALLY AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MESSAGE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLITICIANS.

ALL OUR CURRENT AND RETIRED MEMBERS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

YOURS IN SOLIDARITY,

BILL FERGUSON

PRESIDENT USW LOCAL 8782

Jake Lombardo

From: CAW [caw@cawtca.com]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 2:05 PM
To: 'Jake Lombardo'
Subject: RE:

Sisters and Brothers

CAW Local 504 are pleased to join in the fight against the continuing loss of jobs within the city of Hamilton and the province of Ontario. It's most important that the labour movement united and show that we will not sit silent and allow our jobs to be stolen from our workers without protest. So on May 1st I encourage all union and non-union employees to join the demonstration.

In Solidarity
Randy Smith
President CAW Local 504
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caw@cawtca.com

From: Jake Lombardo [mailto:jake.lombardo@uswa1005.ca]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 9:15 AM
To: caw@cawtca.com
Subject:

Hi Randy was wondering if we could get an endorsement letter from you for our rally on May 1st. Thank-you Jake Lombardo Local 1005. Hope you can bring your flags and banners also.

4/6/2010



LOCAL 5328

UNITED STEELWORKERS -DISTRICT 6

1031 Barton Street E., Hamilton, On L8L 3E3
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March 31, 2010

We have been witness to the dismantling of the manufacturing base in Canada as a result of greed, opportunism, indifference and the fiscal policies of the Canadian government.

Here in the Hamilton we have watched as workers at the once proud Stelco were thrown into the disarray of CCAA. Threats permeated the day. Bond holders, speculators and others who have never even visited the Hamilton area, put the livelihoods of thousands of families at risk. These workers have still not recovered; they continue to be threatened by outside forces.

Communities throughout Canada have seen plant after plant shutdown, pensions robbed. The elimination of good paying jobs and replacing them with an inadequate employment insurance program and a soaring welfare rate has crippled local governments.

Let's be perfectly clear here. The federal governments' insistence that we are free traders, and that we are open for business, has led to many foreign companies entering Canada for one reason and one reason alone.

They want the order books. Once they have them they are free to leave behind bricks and mortar and devastated families to pick up the pieces. The fiscal policy of the federal government is to keep the dollar near or at par. This invites more of the same.

We need only to look at last years attack on Auto Workers. How do you fight for what you fairly negotiated when your own government is forcing you to make concessions?

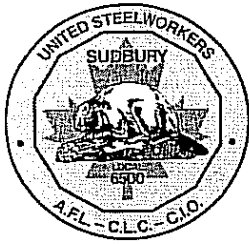
This is indeed Nation Wrecking and we at Local 5328 applaud the efforts of Local 1005 in its efforts at bringing the labour movement and our communities together to stand up for the families across Canada who are being attacked each and every day with no support from their elected officials.

We can stand back and raise our hands in frustration or we can take to the streets to say to the federal and provincial governments and the corporations which place little value on Canadian families that Enough is Enough!

Please join us on May 1st as we try to put a halt to the devastation and infestation of corporate greed and political indifference in Canada.

In solidarity,

Darren Green
President
USW Local 5328



**United
Steelworkers
Local 6500**

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March 30, 2010

Ralph Gerstenberger
President, Local 1005
United Steelworkers
350 Kenilworth Ave., N.
Hamilton ON L8H 4T3

United Steelworkers, Local 6500 in full support of USW Local 1005 in the fight to protect manufacturing jobs and pensions and stop the Nation wrecking.

We will encourage all our members, retirees, other Unions and politicians to join in this fight on May 1st, 2010 in Hamilton.

In solidarity,

John Fera
President, Local 6500
United Steelworkers
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CANADIAN UNION OF
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

President: Derron Vernon
1st Vice President: Kathy Rankin
Recording Secretary: Sandra Walker



March 26, 2010

Jake Lombardo
Local 1005

Dear Jake:

CUPE Local 5167 is in full support of Local 1005 in the fight to protect manufacturing jobs and pensions and stop the Nation wrecking.

We will encourage all our members; retirees; other unions and politicians to join in this fight.

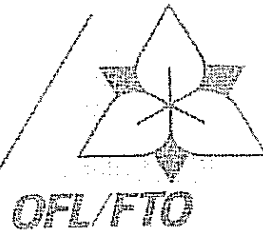
In Solidarity

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Derron Vernon
President

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Secretary - Treasurer
TERRY DOWNEY
Executive Vice-President



April 8, 2010

Rolf Gerstenberger
President, USW Local 1005
350 Kenilworth Avenue North
Hamilton, ON
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Dear Brother Gerstenberger:

MAY DAY EVENT IN HAMILTON

The Ontario Federation of Labour is in full support of United Steelworkers Local 1005 in their fight to protect manufacturing jobs, pensions and stop wrecking the nation.

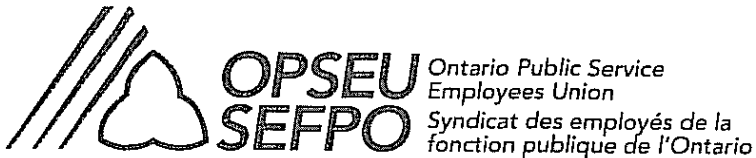
The members of United Steelworkers Local 1005 are holding a Rally and March on May 1st, 2010 focusing on manufacturing job loss. Our country has been devastated by the massive loss of its manufacturing base and I encourage all our members and retirees to join in this fight.

The event begins at the Hamilton Convention Centre at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1st. I hope to see you there!

In solidarity.

Patrick (Sid) Ryan
President

PR/LH/ss/cope343



April 3, 2010

Mr Jake Lombardo
Local 1005 USW
350 Kenilworth Ave N
Hamilton, Ontario
L8H 4T3

Dear Jake

OPSEU Local 205 is in full support of Local 1005 U S W in their fight to protect manufacturing jobs and pensions.

Our local along with my executive will encourage all of our members, and other unions as well as our politicians to join in this fight.

I will also encourage our OPSEU head office to encourage all of the OPSEU members in our union to join you and support you in your fight.

In Solidarity

Elaine Young
OPSEU Local 205
President

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Jake Lombardo

From: Rolf Gerstenberger [rolf.gerstenberger@uswa1005.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 8:57 AM
To: jake.lombardo@uswa1005.ca
Subject: Fw: rally

----- Original Message -----

From: "brenda smith" <bnesmith@cogeco.ca>
To: "rolf gerstenberger" <rolf.gerstenberger@uswa1005.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 9:01 PM
Subject: rally

> Brenda Smith, President Local 16506 USW: Local 16506 is proud to stand
> with Local 1005's fight to protect manufacturing jobs and pensions. It
> is time for All Unions and Non Union people to be on the streets
> fighting for justice for our members, families, retirees, and our
> communities , and our way of life. So on May 1st, 2010 I urge you all to
> come and join the demonstration.
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12 April 2010

The teachers and education workers of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation of Hamilton-Wentworth join USW 1005 in shining a light on the devastating impact of a "wait and see" attitude on behalf of our federal government with regards to the loss of manufacturing jobs.

Every job loss in a community does not only affect one life, but the lives of an entire family. We deal with the children of these families every day.

We see them coming to school hungry, tired, and malnourished with learning the furthest thing from their minds.

We hear stories of parents arguing until all hours of the night through frustration at not being able to make ends meet.

We see children feeling the impact of indecision by a disinterested government without understanding the factors involved. They are the cost of corporate fiduciary responsibility.

What price must our communities pay for a corporation's bottom line?

How many sacrifices must the children and families of Canada make while our jobs disappear from our hometowns to other provinces and other countries?

USW 1005 has been part of the lifeblood of Hamilton for decades. The city I grew up in was built on unionized manufacturing jobs that kept our community's future secure. And, over the past few decades, governments have been complicit in gutting manufacturing, one job at a time, in the name of globalization and free trade.

The teachers and education workers of OSSTF 21 support the efforts of USW 1005 to raise the level of awareness and debate on the need to rebuild Hamilton, as a city, and our country as a whole. If governments really care about the future of our country, they should focus on our children. Public education can only work from a sensible tax base that is funded through good paying, union jobs.

OSSTF 21 implores the governments of Canada and Ontario to listen to the shouts of USW 1005, and ensure the future by committing to the present: a working Hamilton is part of a strong Ontario and a strong Canada. We guarantee the future only by acting today.

Anthony Marco
President, OSSTF District 21



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Secret City Union Attention

April 12, 2010

Rolf Gerstenberger
President
USW Local 1005
350 Kenilworth Avenue North
Hamilton ON L8H 4T3

Dear Brother Gerstenberger:

The Hamilton and District Labour Council enthusiastically supports the rally and march that Local 1005 has planned for May 1, 2010, once again, raising the voice of workers against the loss of manufacturing jobs in this city and throughout Canada. In addition, the conference on May 2nd provides an opportunity to discuss and debate ideas that lead to building up our national economy rather than tearing it down.

Tell them what they want to hear. No one will challenge after the fact when the words prove to be empty. That seems to be the corporate credo these days. Allow a powerful multi-national corporation to buy a company out of creditor protection because it pledges to maintain workforce numbers and protect the pensions of retirees. But don't hold the corporation responsible when the invisible hand of the market snatches away its promise to the government, the community, its retirees and its workers. Isn't that how the market works?

Local 1005 has been in the vanguard of a sometimes lonely fight to keep the focus on the loss of manufacturing jobs in Hamilton. There have been rallies, marches and speeches. More importantly, there has been leafleting, information sessions, and public meetings. Alternative approaches and policies have been advanced; you and your membership deserve much credit for educating workers, politicians and the general public about the dangers of industrial decline and monopoly capitalism.

As you know, members of Locals 1005 and 8782 have endured a tumultuous year – lay offs and lock outs while plants in the United States filled Canadian orders. In recent weeks, we have also learned that Siemens is closing its turbine manufacturing plant in this city and Anheuser-Busch InBev (aka Labatt) is shutting down its beer brewing facilities here and seems determined to prevent anyone else from producing beer in the plant.

The social costs continue to rise. Public services are now under stress. And workers in all sectors are being told to share the blame and the pain for the greed and opportunism of bank executives, corporate titans and financial magicians. Hamilton is certainly not



immune. Poverty rates remain high and some areas of the city are not healthy according to any measure.

We need jobs in Hamilton. We need good-paying jobs, supported by a sound national industrial strategy. We need sustainable, adequate pensions and a fairer system of unemployment insurance.

Now is the time to make our voices heard. We cannot become complacent even as economic numbers seem to improve. US Steel, Vale Inco and Anheuser-Bush InBev have revealed the face of modern capitalism and it is arrogant, angry, vengeful and not trustworthy.

The Labour Council joins you in calling on everyone to participate in the rally and demonstration at the Hamilton Convention Centre on Saturday, May 1st. We cannot be silent if we want to shape a prosperous future for our city and its people.

In solidarity,



Tom Atterton
Secretary



Mary Long
President





Scott Duvall
Councillor - Ward 7



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May 1, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am honoured to once again join you in the fight to save the jobs and pensions that still remain in the City of Hamilton and surrounding area. The last couple of years has been very tough on so many. The theft of our good paying jobs and pensions that our forefathers have fought for is unacceptable and we must stand united to stop this.

The foreign companies that have continuously shown their lack of respect for our workers, our families and our futures cannot be ignored. The global markets must be competitive but they must include Canadian workers.

I will continue to work as an elected official to ensure good paying jobs are available for the men and women in our community. It is ok for some to say that the City is changing direction and that manufacturing in Hamilton is not our future, but is not ok to allow this to happen without bridges to the future. We cannot allow the people that have built this city to fall through the cracks and be left without the pensions that they have already paid for.

Mayday is a call of distress, it is vital that all persons stand together to overcome the hardships that are being faced. An attack on one is an attack on us all. I look forward to walking shoulder to shoulder with you this May 1st 2010

In Solidarity,

Scott Duvall
Councillor Ward 7
City of Hamilton

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Ken Neumann
National Director/ Directeur national

April 15, 2010

Mr. Rolf Gerstenberger
President, USW Local 1005
350 Kenilworth Ave North
Hamilton, Ontario L8H 4T3

Sent via e-mail to: presrolf@yahoo.com

Dear Brother Gerstenberger,

As always, Steelworkers are leading the way in standing up for workers who are under attack in Hamilton, across the country and around the world. I want to congratulate Local 1005 for its leadership in protesting the actions of reckless corporations and governments that are leading to the destruction of Canada's manufacturing base and are an assault on our standard of living.

I wish I could be with you for the rally on May 1, standing up for manufacturing and nation-building. However, I have committed to be in Cuba at that time, where I will participate in May Day events with our brothers and sisters in that country.

This is a difficult time for Canadian workers, and especially for the brothers and sisters in the USW who have been forced onto the picket line for many months, and sometimes even years. Local 1005 can be proud of the way your members have stood in solidarity with other workers who have been in crisis, both in our unions and other unions, as well as non-union workers who are even more vulnerable.

As you prepare for the expiration of Local 1005's collective agreement with U.S. Steel, and for what could be a difficult round of negotiations, you can count on my support and on the solidarity of your fellow Steelworkers from across North America.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Neumann
National Director for Canada

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April 15, 2010

Mr. Rolf Gerstenberger, President
USW – Local Union 1005

VIA EMAIL

Dear Brother Gerstenberger:

May 1 is a day that marks the struggle of workers around the world and here at home. And struggle is the perfect word. We only have to look around at our crumbling economy and out-of-work friends and family to see that this struggle we are fighting through is one that's not going to be over soon.

Our elected government and their practice of free trade at any expense has led the once great Canadian manufacturing industry and backbone of our provincial economy into a dangerous tailspin. And we're going to have to fight to get it back.

Because we can make a comeback. But we need a government that enforces regulations on foreign investment to make sure that workers are not lost amongst the stacks of money being counted by the profit-hungry corporations.

The ongoing battle between Vale Inco, US Steel, and Lakeport Brewery with our Union sisters and brothers in Voisey's Bay, Port Colborne Sudbury and Hamilton is a startling example of how little concern these multinational giants have for our nation and the well being of its people. Even more startling is that our government is unwilling to do anything about it. These communities rely on the jobs at those facilities and families rely on their hard-earned pay cheques.

Local 1005 and its courageous members are doing an outstanding job of staying strong in the face of an overwhelming opponent with no support from their local government. Their stand shows all of us that we need to make sure the voices of working people are heard.

In fact, our government pretends to not hear us. They are apathetic or blind to the effect these practices have on working people. But we see it clearly in communities across the nation. We see factories and plants shutting down and moving out of the country. We see wages being slashed and pensions lost. We see people losing their jobs and unemployment numbers rising.

But we don't have to just stand by and watch. We must take a stand and make it known that we won't allow an irresponsible government or foreign investor or its shareholders determine our future as Canadian workers. We deserve better. We are the shareholders in our own future. So where is our say?

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Our collective future should not be left in the dirty hands of corporations that care nothing for our people, our work ethic or our national pride. These corporations are not concerned with how many workers lose their pay cheques, or how many Canadian companies go under in the name of profit. Many lives have been ruined with many more to follow unless we put a stop to it now.

As International Labour Day approaches, please get as many people involved in May 1st activities as you can. Ask your union brothers and sisters, ask your friends and yes, ask your family. We can take back our future into our own hands. We can make a stand. We can make a difference.

In Solidarity,



Shawn Haggerty
President
UFCW Locals 175

TEAMSTERS



CANADA

Teamsters Local Union No. 879

Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

April 16th, 2010

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FAX & MAIL

Mr. Rolf Gerstenberger
President
United Steelworkers Local 1005
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Dear Sir and Brother,

I am in receipt of a number of pieces of correspondence with regards to the Steelworkers planned rally and demonstration to bring attention to the loss of manufacturing jobs and the ultimate wrecking of our Nation, on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

Teamsters Union Local 879 is fully supportive of the cause and is of the same belief that the Labour community, as well as others, should be rallying with you in order to bring attention to this most important issue. The loss of manufacturing jobs in all of our communities is devastating and unless we as Labour, take up the fight, the problem will continue to grow and send our working class further and further behind.

Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to offer the full support of Teamsters Union Local 879, and hope that the rally is a complete success and any assistance we can offer please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,

JOHN MCCANN
PRESIDENT
TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 879

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April 16, 2010.

Jake Lombardo
Plant Grievance Committee Chairperson
Local 1005 United Steelworkers of America
350 Kenilworth Avenue North, (Second Floor)
Hamilton, Ontario
L8H 4T3

RE: Rally & Demonstration, Saturday May 1, 2010, 1 pm, Hamilton Convention Centre

Dear Jake,

The Hamilton Local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers supports Steelworkers 1005 in their efforts to fight against the destruction of manufacturing jobs in Hamilton. All Unions face the same challenges with their pension plans and employers attempts to reduce their liabilities to workers. Postal Workers are facing attacks by the Federal Government to partially deregulate the Post Office (see attached). We are also dealing with Canada Post modernizing its equipment across the country and cutting jobs, in spite of 14 years of profits.

The Hamilton Local is distributing the flyer you faxed to our shop stewards in all of our letter carrier facilities, and in our processing plant in Stoney Creek, as well as posting notice in our Local newsletter, regarding the May 1, 2010, demonstration. We will also be posting the notice on our Local website for our members.

In solidarity,

Mark Platt
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April 16, 2010

Rolf Gerstenberger, President
United Steelworkers, Local 1005
350 Kenilworth Avenue North
Hamilton, ON L8H 4T3

Dear Rolf,

I am writing on behalf of ONA's 55,000 registered nurses and allied health professionals to show our support for the campaign undertaken by the USW Local 1005 to fight back against the dismantling of the manufacturing base in Canada.

Nurses are acutely aware of the vital importance of good manufacturing jobs to support the tax base that is necessary in the provision of high quality public services. We agree that governments must do more to intervene when jobs are cut as a result of decisions made outside of Canada, without consideration of the impact on our communities, and that are not in the best interests of Canadians.

Our communities rely on good jobs in manufacturing and our communities suffer immensely when plants are shut down putting thousands of long-serving workers out of work. Communities require good manufacturing jobs and quality public services to support a fair standard of living.

We agree that the labour movement and our communities must join forces to show governments that we will stand together to prevent further erosion of manufacturing jobs.

The nurses of Ontario endorse your efforts and congratulate Local 1005 on organizing a May Day rally to fight back for good jobs and good pensions. We must take strong action together. The future of our communities depends on it.

In solidarity,

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Linda Haslam-Stroud, RN
President

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C.E.P. Gas Workers' Council

April 19, 2010

For over half a century the Canadian manufacturing sector has been at the forefront of the modern global economy. In Southern Ontario, arguably the hub of the Canadian manufacturing sector, good paying manufacturing jobs brought prosperity. In Hamilton, these jobs were associated with companies such as Stelco, International Harvester, Firestone, and Westinghouse. Since 1994 and the dawn of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the elimination of trade barriers the North American manufacturing sector has taken a head on hit. In 1965, manufacturing accounted for 53% of the economy, in 1988 it accounted for 39% and most recently in 2004 it accounted for only 9%. Hamilton in particular has been hard hit with plant closures and the resulting unemployment and related social issues.

On this coming May Day, the C.E.P. Gas Workers' Council (Locals 5, 56, 758, 914, 938, 999 & 8833) are proud to join our sisters and brothers of the USW Local 1005 and stand in solidarity in a fight to stop the bleeding of manufacturing jobs in our nation and in our community.

In Solidarity;

Jim Galvin – President, C.E.P. Gas Workers' Council



Rolf Gerstenberger
President
United Steelworkers Local 1005

April 16, 2010

Dear Brother Rolf;

I'll be at the Rally on May 1st, and I shall encourage as many people as I can to be there too.

It is apparent to some people that most Canadians outside of Hamilton have no idea that Canada has a steel industry. The unfortunate thing is; unless the members of Local 1005 are successful in the current battle against US Steel, this soon may be the case.

As it is, there are no "Canadian" steel companies left, only Canadian branches of foreign owned steel companies.

Successions of governments have either completely ignored, or in any event failed to protect the conditions that were negotiated in good faith by the members of the Steelworkers Union and the various employers in the province of Ontario and elsewhere in Canada.

Tens of thousands of Canadians have lost their jobs in the steel industry over the years not due to technology, but to the apathy of our government when it comes to protecting the right of Canadians to keep good paying jobs.

There are no tariffs against the import of steel into Canada and no requirement that government contract use Canadian steel. The first ship to come into the Oshawa harbour this spring was carrying thousands of tons of Turkish rebar.

If people stand by and continue to let someone else do the fighting, soon there shall be no jobs to fight for.

Good luck in your battle, we shall be there with you at your rally on May 1.

In solidarity,

Denis Kavanagh

Denis Kavanagh
President
United Steelworkers
Local 6571

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Compensation Report

The Compensation Committee would like to welcome everyone back to work. We would like to remind workers to report all accidents. Anyone interested in First Aid training can contact Active Canadian Emergency Training Inc., 130 Wilson Street, Hamilton, Ontario, L4N 8W8. The website is www.activecanadian.com. They are approved First Aid Trainers and recognized by WSIB.

Work Safe - Play Safe

Health & Safety Report

Angelo Debellis is our Health & Safety Representative and he can be reached at Cell (905) 975-0463 (905) 544-3311 ext 3271.

ALL OUT FOR MAY DAY

LOCAL 7135 & 1005

**COME & JOIN US PROTEST THE LOSS
OF MANUFACTURING JOBS**

Saturday, May 1st 2010 @ 1:00 pm

**Hamilton Convention Centre: Doors open 12:00 Noon
Rally & March through the Downtown Core!**

**Our Security lies in our fight!
Our pensions & Jobs are at risk!**



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May 1, 2010

Rolf Gerstenberger
President
USW, Local 1005
350 Kenilworth Avenue North
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L8H 4T3

Dear Brother Gerstenberger:

On a day when we honour those who have struggled to improve the lives of working people around the world, I want to extend to you and the members of USW Local 1005 the sincere best wishes of the Officers of the Canadian Labour Congress for a successful conference and rally highlighting the loss of good manufacturing jobs in Canada.

Steelworkers in Hamilton, and indeed across the country, understand too well the impact of foreign ownership of our manufacturing base. From U.S. Steel's lockout in Nanticoke, to Vale Inco's treatment of Steelworkers in Sudbury, Port Colborne and Voisey's Bay, Newfoundland, you know too well the effects of corporate greed on working people both here and around the world. Corporate greed knows no borders and Steelworkers have always been at the forefront of workers' struggles against unfettered corporate power.

Steelworkers have a proud history of community activism in Hamilton, working to build a better future for their families and for their city. Today Local 1005 continues that proud tradition with its rally to protest the loss of manufacturing jobs and its conference on nation building.

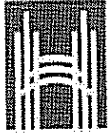
Our sincere best wishes for a successful rally and conference.

In solidarity,

Ken Georgetti
President

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April 20, 2010

RE: Endorsement of United Steelworkers Local 1005 May 1st Rally

Dear Local 1005 Members,

I wholeheartedly support you in the fight to save the jobs and pensions of working people in the City of Hamilton.

Communities such as ours have seen many manufacturing plants closed, resulting in massive job losses. Eliminating good paying jobs and replacing them with low paying jobs or no jobs at all and soaring welfare rates have created many challenges for our city.

I encourage all Hamiltonians to support this important rally.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. McHattie', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian McHattie
Ward 1 Councillor
City of Hamilton