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To Affiliated Locals and Friends of the Hamilton and District Labour Council

DO NOT CROSS THE PICKET LINE SET UP BY THE MEMBERS OF USW LOCAL 1005 WHO HAVE BEEN LOCKED OUT SINCE NOVEMBER 7, 2010

Sisters and Brothers:

Solidarity is essential if workers are to succeed in beating back the demands of unreasonable employers. This unity extends beyond those on strike or locked out to brothers and sisters in other unions. The labour movement has long maintained that attempts to break the resolve of fellow union members by crossing a picket line to assist their employer continue to operate, and, especially, to do the work of those on strike or locked out is contemptible and reprehensible. Such behaviour is intolerable and cannot stand!

The delegates to the Hamilton and District Labour Council overwhelmingly passed a motion in April demanding that all unions recognize and respect the legitimate picket line established by Local 1005. The Labour Council expects that all affiliates, other unions, and individuals will comply.

The stakes are very high. This is not a negotiation. As you know, U.S. Steel is not talking but dictating anti-worker terms that strengthen its hand as a global monopoly, serve the interests of capital, and ignore the legitimate needs of Hamiltonians and Canadians.

The Hamilton and District Labour Council proudly support the members of Local 1005 who are in the vanguard of the fight for economic sovereignty, just pensions and the dignity of all workers. Once again, in the spirit of 1946, the members of Local 1005, on behalf of all Canadians, are proclaiming boldly that the monopolists and bullies must not be allowed to win. We can stop them in Hamilton. But, if we are to prevail in this fight, all workers and their unions must stand together.

In solidarity,

Tom Atterton
Secretary

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President