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Dear Brother Buffenbarger

The International Metalworkers' Federation, representing the interests of 25 million metalworkers in more than 200 trade unions from 100 countries around the world, stands in solidarity with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) as its members strike against the Boeing Company.

There is no reason why Boeing cannot provide for pensions, health care and job security – the three top concerns of your members. As one of the richest multinational companies in the world, which has tripled its profits in the last three years, this company is well placed to provide its workers with good jobs that are fairly remunerated.

Your struggle to gain a fair outcome in this round of negotiations is also our struggle. It is completely unacceptable for a company such as Boeing to deny its workforce a fair share in the profits they help to make. Anything less will result in the further erosion of workers' living standards everywhere. So when your 18,000 members stand up for their fair share as working people, they stand up for us all.

We join in your union's demand for a fair and decent offer from Boeing and we will stand by you until an equitable agreement is reached.

Yours in solidarity

Marcello Malentacchi
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