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Dear Brother Buffenbarger,

The Australian Workers' Union supports the 27,000 workers who have gone out on strike in the USA, following the collapse of talks between the IAM and the world's largest aircraft manufacturer.

We do not understand why this extremely profitable company with a massive backlog of work cannot sit down with the IAM and negotiate a collective agreement to deliver job security, decency and respect for your members.

We understand that you are pitted against a company, employing more than 159,000 people throughout 67 countries, who have fought union rights in many if not most of these nations.

Unfortunately, our own union has had a bitter history with this company after they adopted a strategy to break the union in 2005 - 2006.

AWU members who work for Boeing in Newcastle, Australia were forced into what became the longest strike in our country because the company refused to accept the workforces demand for a collective agreement.

For 265 days, members of the AWU employed by Boeing manned a picket line, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Boeing workers who are members of our union here in Australia will now be watching closely the outcome of the IAM dispute with this company.

All of us are aware that your union supported us during our own struggles with Boeing and we will in return support your members during what may be a long and costly industrial campaign for both sides.

Yours in Unity

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul Howes', written in a cursive style.

Paul Howes  
NATIONAL SECRETARY

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Dear Tom,  
dear sisters and brothers,

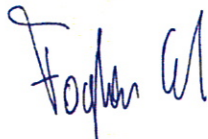
on behalf of the Austrian Metalworking, Textiles, Food Workers' Union (GMTN) we are writing to you to express our solidarity with the workers at Boeing in Kansas, Oregon and Washington State in the current dispute with their employer .

With an enormous backlog of orders and billions of dollars in profits, it is hard to imagine why the Boeing Company would be so resistant to reaching an acceptable agreement at this time.

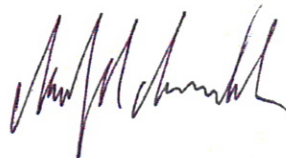
We strongly support our brothers and sisters in their fight against corporate greed and for your members demands.

Please pass on our greetings of solidarity to the striking Boeing workers and our best wishes for a successful outcome.

In solidarity,



Erich Foglar  
President



Manfred Anderle  
Senior Secretary

09 Sept 08

To R.Thomas Buffenbarger,  
IAM International President

We wish to testify our solidarity with the workers at Boeing in Kansas,  
Oregon and Washington State.

We wish you find the earliest possible opportunity to have an agreement  
satisfying the legitimate aspirations of workers.

In solidarity with you.

Arlette Puraye  
Centrale Nationale des employés ( C.S.C)  
Belgium  
Techspace Aero ( Groupe Safran)

Member of EMF/FEM

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**To** all EMF member organisations

**Re:**

Solidarity with the workers at Boeing

The IAM, the largest union at the Boeing Company went on strike at the Company's facilities in Kansas, Oregon, and Washington State.

*Dear Colleagues,*

At 00:01 yesterday morning, the IAM, the largest union at the Boeing Company went on strike at the Company's facilities in Kansas, Oregon, and Washington State.

Issues of critical matter are job security, compensation and benefits. With an enormous backlog of orders and billions of dollars in profits, it is hard to imagine why the Company would be so resistant to reaching an acceptable agreement at this time.

The EMF expresses its full solidarity with the workers at Boeing in Kansas, Oregon and Washington State.

We strongly support our colleagues in their fight and we encouraged all EMF member organisations to send letters of solidarity to the workers of Boeing.

Messages should be sent to:

R. Thomas Buffenbarger, IAM International President, and either e-mailed to [oherrnstadt@iamaw.org](mailto:oherrnstadt@iamaw.org) or faxed to +301-976-3432.

Please send copies of your messages to Caroline Jacobsson at the EMF, [cjacobsson@emf-fem.org](mailto:cjacobsson@emf-fem.org)

[All messages are posted on the EMF website](#)

Thank you in advance.

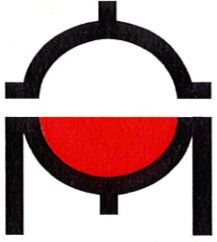
*In solidarity,*  
Peter Scherrer  
General Secretary

09 Sept 08

To: Mr. R. Thomas Buffenbarger,  
To: the workers at Boeing

On behalf of all members of ABVV-Metaal - Belgium we fully support the workers at Boeing in their struggle for jobsecurity and a fair share of the benefits of this company.

In solidarity,  
Herwig JORISSEN  
President



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*9<sup>th</sup> September 2008*

**To**  
**The IAM International President**  
**Mr. R. Thomas Buffenbarger**

## **Re: Solidarity with the workers at Boeing**

Dear colleague,  
Dear sisters and brothers,

on behalf of TU 'Metalicity' I would like to express our full solidarity with the workers at Boeing in Kansas, Oregon and Washington state! I would like to declare our willingness for unreserved support in your fight to secure decent livelihood and job security for the Boeing workers!

We truly hope that your efforts will be crowned with success and we wish you good luck in your struggle!

*In solidarity,*

*Vasil Yanachkov*  
*TU 'Metalicity' President*



9th September 2008

- **To EMF**, Caroline Jacobsson: [cjacobsson@emf-fem.org](mailto:cjacobsson@emf-fem.org)
- **To IAM**, R. Thomas Buffenbarger - International President: [oherrnstadt@iamaw.org](mailto:oherrnstadt@iamaw.org)
- To all members of IAM trade-union
- To all workers at the Boeing Company in Kansas, Oregon, and Washington State

**SMH solidarity support with the workers at the Boeing Company in Kansas, Oregon, and Washington State**

Dear Colleagues,  
Dear Members of IAM trade-union,  
Dear Workers,

We received information from EMF, and also from General Secretary, Peter Scherrer about strike at the Boeing Company in Kansas, Oregon and Washington State.

In the name of Metalworker`s Trade Union of Croatia, we are sending our absolute support for your struggle to solve issues of critical matter like: job security, compensation and benefits, and also hope that you will persist in achieving your justified demands.

Unscrupulous global capital is no longer satisfied with huge profit, but wants more. More today, also more tomorrow, and there is no limit.

Workers of united Europe and workers of the world must not ask employers any more, but they must finally say enough to that capital and to that kind of capital , and so your strike, is not only a strike for your interests, but also for interests of all other workers at the Boeing Company, so we are absolutely supporting you, and we are with you.

**Together we are stronger!**  
**Yours in solidarity,**

SMH President:  
Ivo Marjanović



IAM International President  
R.Thomas Buffenberger

Prague 8.9.2008

Dear Colleagues,

Re: **Solidarity Letter Linked with Recent Situation in Boeing**

Couple minutes ago we received the information that the largest union (IAM) at the Boeing Company went on strike in Kansas, Oregon and Washington State. The reason of this strike is job security, compensation and benefits for workers.

Bearing in mind the enormous backlog of orders and also billions of dollars in profits of Boeing we fully support the IAM demands and all the activities IAM and its members will do in the near future.

In Solidarity

Josef Středula  
OS KOVO President



Centralorganisationen af  
industriansatte i Danmark

Mr. R. Thomas Buffenbarger  
International President  
IAM  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
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Dato : 9 September 2008  
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## Solidarity with the Boeing Workers in the US

Dear Tom,

Further to the solidarity letter from the Nordic countries sent to you by The Nordic IN I hereby, on behalf of The Centralorganization of Industrial Workers in Denmark, express our support for the industrial action taken by the IAM-members at Boeing.

CO-industri fully agrees with the point of view expressed by the Nordic IN.

*In solidarity!*

*Thorkild E. Jensen*  
Thorkild E. Jensen  
President

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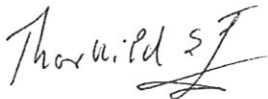
## **Solidarity with the Boeing workers in the US**

Dear Tom,

Further to the solidarity letter from the Nordic countries sent to you by The Nordic IN I hereby, on behalf of The Danish Metalworkers' Union, express our support for the industrial action taken by the IAM-members at Boeing.

The Danish Metalworkers' Union fully agrees with the point of view expressed by the Nordic IN.

*In solidarity!*



Thorkild E. Jensen  
President



10<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Mr R. Thomas Buffenbarger  
International President  
IAM  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
UNITED STATES

***By e-mail only***

## **SOLIDARITY WITH BOEING WORKERS IN THE US**

***Dear Tom,***

We have been informed by your union that on Saturday morning, 27.000 IAM members at Boeing went on strike at the company's facilities in Kansas, Oregon, and Washington State. We understand that IAM's bargaining committee, with the support of more than 80 percent of the union members, rejected the company's offer, which provided for no improvements in job security. In addition to insufficient compensation and benefits, the offer would even have meant shifting health care costs to employees.

With an enormous backlog of orders and billions of dollars in profits, it is hard to imagine why the Company would be so resistant to reaching a fair agreement.

Dear Tom, on behalf of Union of Salaried Employees TU representing 25 000 members in metal, chemical, paper and textile industries in Finland, we give our full support to the striking IAM members in Kansas, Oregon, and Washington State, and to the efforts of your union to ensure a decent livelihood and security to the workers and their families in these uncertain times.

*In solidarity,*

Union of Salaried Employees TU

Petteri Ojanen  
Head of International Affairs



## **In solidarity with Boeing workers**

For days now, you have been battling for fair and decent wages. Worldwide, we are faced with the same policies putting stockholders' before workers' interests.

In the same vein, Airbus has cut jobs, outsourced operations to low-cost countries; it has extended hours rather than creating jobs, and denied pay raises that would improve purchasing power; its entire management practices are based on stress and fear.

Such management policies cause job losses and foster the numbers of working poor.

We refuse to be played off, worker against worker, worldwide.

That is why we support your battle. We feel it is a just cause and an exemplary struggle for social progress worldwide.

**The International Trade Union Confederation – to which we are both affiliated – has declared **7 October World Day for Decent Work.****

Workers worldwide will speak out with one voice against exploitation, demanding better working conditions and better wages. The CGT is totally involved in this international mobilisation, so that workers are heard.

**In solidarity and unity, we shall overcome.**



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\_\_\_\_\_ DE LA MÉTALLURGIE ET PARTIES SIMILAIRES

To R. Thomas Buffenbarger  
IAM International President  
[oherrnstadt@iamaw.org](mailto:oherrnstadt@iamaw.org)

**Object: Solidarity message**

Paris, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the CFTC Metal executive committee, I would to express you and all the IAM members in Boeing, all our solidarity and full support in the strike that you started at the Company's facilities in Kansas, Oregon, and Washington State.

Issues of critical matter are job security, compensation and benefits. With an enormous backlog of orders and billions of dollars in profits, it is hard to imagine why the Company would be so resistant to reaching an acceptable agreement at this time.

In solidarity,

Joseph Crespo  
President



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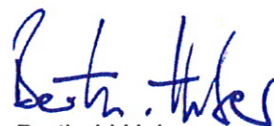
### Solidarity message to Boeing workers

Dear Tom,  
dear Sisters and Brothers,

On behalf of IG Metall I would like to send you our solidarity message for all workers currently on strike at Boeing in the U.S. IG Metall strongly supports your struggle for better working conditions and a just participation of workers in tremendous profits of the company. While Boeing makes billions of dollars in profits, it is difficult to understand why Boeing denies workers who created these profits better wages and benefits and more job security.

Please pass our greetings of solidarity to the striking sisters and brothers. We wish you a successful outcome of your struggle.

In solidarity,

  
Berthold Huber  
President

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**RE: Solidarity with the workers at the Boeing**

R. Thomas BUFFENBARGER  
International President  
IAM&AW  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
UNITED STATES

Rome, September 10, 2008

The Italian Metalworkers Unions FIM-CISL, Fiom-Cgil, Uilm-Uil (FLM) want to express full solidarity and support to IAM&AW for the strike at Boeing in Kansas, Oregon and Washington State.

FIM-CISL, Fiom-Cgil, Uilm-Uil (FLM) represent more than 650 mil workers in the Metal industry, included the Aerospace sector and Boeing suppliers.

In a globalized world, solidarity between trade unions across the borders is getting more and more important when it comes to decent working conditions, job security, wage and benefits. Especially in sectors like the aerospace industry where the global competition is very strong.

If trade unions all over the world can stand together in order to strengthen workers rights and conditions in a single country, workers all over the world will benefit from it.

The IAM&AW can be sure that the Italian Metalworkers' Unions stand beside you in this struggle and in those to come.

In Solidarity,

**International Departments of**

**Fim-Cisl**  
Gianni ALIOTI

**Fiom-Cgil**  
Alessandra MECOZZI

**Uilm-Uil**  
Patrizia PITRONACI

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METAL, CONSTRUCCIÓN Y AFINES

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Gabinete Internacional

**To R. Thomas Buffenbarger  
International President  
IAM**

**Madrid, on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Re: Solidarity with Boeing workers in Kansas, Oregon and Washington State.**

**Dear colleagues,**

The Spanish Metal, Construction and Allied Workers' Federation (MCA-UGT), EMF member organization, wants to express its solidarity with the Boeing workers in Kansas, Oregon and Washington State facilities, where the Company doesn't reach an acceptable agreement, in spite of the enormous backlog of orders and billions of dollars in profits.

From MCA-UGT, we strongly support the demands and actions planed by our colleagues in Boeing Company in these facilities, where they've gone on strike with issues of critical matters as job security, compensation and benefits. Meanwhile, we encourage them to keep fighting until reaching the respect of their duties.

In solidarity,

Javier Urbina Sánchez-Guerrero  
International Department Responsible

Carlos Romero González  
Union Policy Secretary



**METAL, CONSTRUCCIÓN Y AFINES**

**FEDERACIÓN ESTATAL**

Secretaría General

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**A R. Thomas Buffenbarger**  
**Presidente Internacional**  
**IAM**

**Madrid, a 11 de Septiembre de 2008**

**Asunto: Solidaridad con los trabajadores de Boeing en Kansas, Oregon y Washington State.**

**Estimados compañeros:**

La Federación Española de Metal, Construcción y Afines (MCA-UGT), organización afiliada a la FEM, quiere expresar su solidaridad con los trabajadores de la empresa Boeing en Kansas, Oregon y Estado de Washington, donde la empresa no ha alcanzado un acuerdo aceptable, a pesar del enorme atraso de pedidos y billones de dólares de beneficios.

Desde MCA-UGT, apoyamos las demandas y acciones previstas por nuestros compañeros en la empresa Boeing en estos centros, donde han ido a la huelga con cuestiones críticas como son la seguridad laboral, las compensaciones y los beneficios. Así mismo les animamos a mantener su lucha hasta alcanzar el respeto de sus derechos.

Un saludo solidario,

Javier Urbina Sánchez-Guerrero  
Responsable Departamento Internacional

Carlos Romero González  
Secretario de Política Sindical



**IFMETALL**

Reference HP  
Date 2008-09-08

R. Thomas Buffenbarger  
IAM International President

**IF Metall expresses our support with IAM in your struggle at Boeing**

The Swedish Industrial and Metal workers Union, IF Metall, would like to express our strongest support to IAM in your ongoing strike at Boeing in Kansas, Oregon and Washington State.

IF Metall represents more than 400 000 workers in the Metal, Chemical and Textile sectors, amongst them the aviation industry, which is about 90% of the workforce in those sectors.

In a globalized world, solidarity between trade unions across the borders is getting more and more important when it comes to decent working conditions, job security, compensation and benefits. Especially in sectors like the aviation industry where the global competition is very strong.

If trade unions all over the world can stand together in order to strengthen workers rights and conditions in a single country, workers all over the world will benefit from it.

The IAM can be sure that the Swedish trade union movement stands beside you in this struggle and in those to come.

In Solidarity,  
The Swedish Industrial and Metal Workers Union (IF Metall)

Stefan Löfven  
President



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Stockholm 8 September 2008

Mr R. Thomas Buffenbarger  
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***By e-mail only***

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With an enormous backlog of orders and billions of dollars in profits, it is hard to imagine why the Company would be so resistant to reaching a fair agreement.

Dear Tom, on behalf of Nordic IN's 22 affiliated national unions representing 1.2 million workers in metal, chemical, paper and textile industries in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Iceland, we give our full support to the striking IAM members in Kansas, Oregon, and Washington State, and to the efforts of your union to ensure a decent livelihood and security to the workers and their families in these uncertain times.

*In solidarity,*

Nordic IN

Stefan Löfven  
President

Jyrki Raina  
General Secretary



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## **International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers**

### ***IMF supports Boeing workers on strike***

The International Metalworkers' Federation representing the collective interests of 200 metal unions in 100 countries all over the world expresses its full support for the IAM members on strike in the Boeing plants in the states of Washington, Oregon and Kansas fighting for fair wage and pension increases and for more security in their jobs.

It is hard to understand that a company that posted USD 13 billion in profits over the past five years and having full order books is not willing to give its hard working employees a fair share of the profits. It is the hard work of Boeing employees that has led to the company's economic success and remarkable profits.

Instead, the management is risking high losses due to delayed delivery of planes and possible further delays in the timetable for its newly developed model "Dreamliner" due to the strike the IAM has been forced into to fight for the interests of its members.

The IMF demands the company to get back to the negotiation table with a fair and serious offer and the will to find a compromise with the Machinists which would meet the economic needs of its workforce.

The IMF will continue to support the IAM and Boeing workers to reach an acceptable new collective agreement.

Marcello Malentacchi  
General Secretary



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September 8, 2008

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Dear Colleagues,

First of all, let me convey my congratulations on your very successful convention this week.

We have today learned of the decision by your members at Boeing facilities in Kansas, Oregon and Washington State to take action. We know their decision has not have been taken lightly, but instead follows extended negotiations that sought to achieve a just and reasonable settlement.

The ITF is disappointed by the company's attitude, which has resulted in this breakdown in negotiations with the Boeing Company. The company has performed especially well in recent years as a result of the excellent efforts made by the workforce, so clearly your members' expectations for a fair and just reward in their contract negotiations was justified. Boeing has made substantial profits in recent years and in addition, I understand it has a very healthy order book for the next seven years. It is now time not only to reward the workers for their efforts, but to also signal that a quality workforce for the future will be rewarded with quality pay and conditions. The current contract offer by the company fails to meet these bargaining objectives.

In support of our colleagues in the union we entreat the company to reconsider and pursue a proper settlement. However, we must also advise them that the IAM is a union with a history of international solidarity, and one that can, rightly, expect to look to its friends at moments like these. We in the ITF are proud to offer them our help, and promise them that until the management returns to the bargaining table and draws up a fairer offer, they can count on us for our support.

In solidarity

Yours

David Cockroft  
ITF General Secretary

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Dear Tom

## Strike of IAM members at Boeing

With reference to the above I am writing to offer the full support of our membership within the Civil Air Transport section of Unite to colleagues currently engaging in strike action at Boeing across the United States.

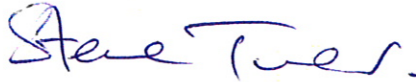
Our section is some 75,000 members strong and organizes workers across the aviation sector above and below the wing, excluding aircraft manufacturing where our membership is housed within our aerospace and vehicle building sections; such as those at Airbus and BAE Systems.

Like our comrades in manufacturing we have also seen a sustained attack on our members terms and conditions, benefits and pensions with all the implications that holds for our families and wider communities and we are working tirelessly to organize our fight-back against the owners of capital whose sole drive is the maximization of profit irrespective of their impact on working people.

Boeing is a profitable company with full order books and a hard working professional and unionized workforce is rightly seeking the advancement of benefits as well as increased job security at this time. We stand side by side with your membership at Boeing and anything we can do on a practical level to assist your victory in this dispute please advise.

We are thinking of your membership on the picket right now and will do everything we can to ensure this company and others are under no illusions that if you take on organized labour, wherever that may be, you take us on internationally, united and proud to stand together.

Yours in solidarity

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "S" and "T".

Steve Turner  
National Secretary – Civil Air Transport