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RWU Resolution in Support of Autoworkers on Strike at General Motors

Whereas, on Monday, September 16th, 48,000 workers at General Motors went out on strike at 33 manufacturing plants and 22 parts distribution warehouses in nine states across the US; and

Whereas, UAW Vice President Terry Dittes, the union's top GM negotiator, said a strike was a last resort but was necessary because both sides were far apart in negotiating a new four-year contract; and

Whereas, the auto workers made billions of dollars in concessions to GM during the auto industry's financial crisis in order to help keep the company afloat just a few short years ago; and

Whereas, the union has targeted GM as it is the most profitable of the Big Three U.S. automakers, making more than \$8 billion last year alone and paying its CEO \$22 million, while planning to close four factories and layoff thousands of employees; and

Whereas, the workers are standing up for fair wages, affordable quality health care, a fair share the profits, and keeping the plants open;

Therefore, Be it Resolved that Railroad Workers United express our unwavering support for this important strike of union workers; and

Be it further Resolved that RWU encourages railroad workers in localities where UAM members are on strike to join them and honor their picket lines; and

Be it finally Resolved that RWU urge all rail unions to get behind this strike and take solidarity actions to ensure that the auto workers win.

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