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ILWU Local 21  
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Longview, WA 98632

September 14, 2011

Dear Brother Coffman,

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO Local 444 joins in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 21, in condemning Longview Washington law enforcements unprovoked attacks on ILWU members and supporters for defending their union. We demand that the prosecutor drop all charges against those arrested.

Members of AFSCME Local 444 join the Oregon AFL-CIO in condemning Operating Engineers Local 701 for scabbing at the Port of Longview. This repugnant act of scabbing is an injury to all. It is also a slap in the face to the union brothers and sisters who have sacrificed in blood for the good and welfare of the many who have followed in their footsteps.

Further, be it known that AFSCME Local 444 condemns EGT for engaging in corporate right wing union busting. This is an attack on the entire labor movement.

In Solidarity

Ruben Rodriguez  
President AFSCME  
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