



# **Railroad Workers United**

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## **RWU Resolution Calling for Solidarity with UAW Workers**

**Whereas**, the US labor movement, including the railroad unions, face many obstacles in the fight to reverse the long decline of low membership; and

**Whereas**, autoworkers represented by the UAW are a significant workforce in the country and are battling against the “Big Three” automakers; and;

**Whereas**, solidarity action by other workers and unions along the supply chain can be the decisive factor in any battle between workers and employers; and

**Whereas**, a victory for UAW workers could embolden all workers to go on the offensive to win better contracts; and likewise, a victory for the new leadership of the UAW could embolden all union members looking to reform and democratize their own unions; and

**Whereas**, RWU recognizes the power that railroad workers have to assist UAW workers, as automobiles manufactured at UAW plants are loaded onto “autorack” railcars and transported by train daily throughout the U.S.; and

**Whereas**, the fight for electrification of the auto industry to happen through good, union jobs, has parallels to the fight for electrification of the North American railroads; and

**Whereas**, the fight to build links with auto workers in Mexico and Canada to fight back against the outsourcing of jobs to non-union workforces has parallels with the fight for railroad workers to get organized across North America as the railroad systems of the US, Mexico, and Canada become increasingly integrated;

**Therefore, Be it Resolved** that RWU offers full solidarity in support of UAW workers in their fight for strong contracts; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that RWU suggests that UAW workers organize picket lines at the rail entrance of any auto facilities that receive rail service, and that RWU calls on railroad workers and our unions to refuse to cross any UAW picket lines, which is a basic principle of labor movement solidarity; and

**Be it Finally Resolved** that RWU urges all of rail labor to likewise stand in solidarity with our UAW fellow workers.

**Adopted by the RWU Steering Committee 9/6/23**