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To:

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

Re: EMF solidarity with Boeing workers in the US

By e-mail only

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.

On behalf of 5.5 million metalworkers the EMF gives its 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,



Peter Scherrer
EMF General Secretary