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Dear Mr Kuznetsov,

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Our union joins with other unions across the globe, as well as human rights groups, to demand an immediate and transparent investigation into the attacks and death threats made against Alexei Etmanov and, Vladimir Lesik, of the Ford-Vsevolozhsk plant in the Leningrad Region; Alexei Gramm, Sergei Byzgalov at Taganrog enterprise OAO in the Rostov region and other leaders of the Interregional Trade Union of Autoworkers.

The information we have received suggests the increase in assaults of union leaders and activists is in response to their demands for respect for the fundamental right of workers to organize and form unions.

I would appreciate hearing from you about the progress of the investigations and positive results defending the dignity of trade union activists.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Howes
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Cc:

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