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President

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Labor Movement:

The International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO joins in solidarity with our sisters and brothers of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union in the Port of Longview in its ongoing struggle against EGT Development, Inc. to protect its members and the community from sub-standard wages by having EGT live up to its agreement to employ ILWU labor.

The ILWU has represented workers in the Port of Longview for over 80 years. EGT Development is a multinational joint venture engaged in the construction and development of a grain terminal at the Port which is being subsidized in part by a special state tax exemption. Also, a portion of the land upon which the terminal is being developed was obtained by the state through eminent domain specifically for EGT's use in conjunction with this project.

EGT turned to its corporate back on the very community that had done so much to facilitate the project when it announced that it would not hire members of ILWU's local affiliate, Local 21, to work at the terminal. EGT's decision not to hire ILWU workers was contrary to a working agreement it had with the Port at the time the lease was negotiated.

In what can only be described as a blatant attempt to engage in union busting, EGT later entered into a contract with General Construction Co. to operate the terminal using workers from International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701 which is not located in the area. EGT's use of IUOE labor is nothing more than a transparent public relations ploy aimed at repairing its public image while pitting the two labor organizations against each other in a fight over work that was traditionally - and contractually - within the ILWU's jurisdiction.

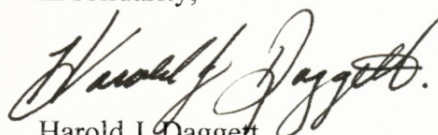
Recently, United States District Court Judge Ronald Leighton recognized that legitimate issues exist between the ILWU and EGT and refused to enjoin ILWU pickets from protesting against EGT. Judge Leighton's decision signals that the ILWU's fight is not over. Make no mistake; the battle being waged by our brothers and sisters of the ILWU is an important battle in the war against the American labor movement. As members of that movement, we know all too well the importance of solidarity in the face of daunting economic and political pressure. It is for this reason that I as President of the ILA pledge the ILA's full support of our ILWU brethren in their fight for good community sustaining jobs.

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The ILA will offer whatever help it can to help ensure that ILWU members' rights and jobs are protected.

In solidarity,

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Harold J. Daggett
President