



Rutgers Council of AAUP-AFT Chapters

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Resolution passed by the Executive Council of the Rutgers Council of AAUP Chapters, AAUP-AFT, March 18, 2008 in support of the Freightliner Five, UAW Local 3520, Cleveland, North Carolina

Whereas, as a result of a strike by United Auto Workers Local 3520 Freightliner members in April 2007 over health and safety and other conditions and benefits, the management of Freightliner in Cleveland, North Carolina has terminated five UAW strike leaders, all of them members of the local union's bargaining committee and three of them members of the executive board and,

Whereas, the need to prevent retaliation of union leaders for defending their members is critical in not only defending the local. but showing workers throughout the American South that the labor movement believes an injury to one is an injury to all and,

Whereas, these brothers and sisters have been cut off from their unemployment benefits, have been unemployed since April 3, 2007, and are fighting for funding to continue their struggle for justice and,

Whereas, it is critical that the labor movement support those trade unionists who are organizing the labor movement in the South and protect them from union busting, retaliation and the anti-labor onslaught,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Council of Rutgers AAUP-AFT calls for the re-employment by Freightliner of fired UAW Local 3520 union leaders and members Robert Whiteside, Allen Bradley, Franklin Torrence, Glenna Swinford, and David Crisco, and encourages all trade unionists and locals to contribute to their hardship fund by sending a donation to: www.justice4five.com or Justice 4 Five Solidarity Fund, P.O. Box 5144, Statesville, N.C. 28687,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Council of Rutgers AAUP-AFT and individual members send letters to Freightliner, P.O. Box 4750, Portland, Oregon 97208-4750 to call for the rehiring of these workers with full back pay.

Submitted by Deepa Kumar, SCILS AAUP-AFT representative