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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the International Union of Food and Allied Workers (IUF) and the thousands of Coca-Cola and beverage workers we represent worldwide I would like to express our solidarity and support with your struggle against the closure of three locations in Washington and cuts in health care for employees in other locations.

The ongoing restructuring in Coca-Cola with the integration of CCE North America into The Coca-Cola Company must not occur on the back of the employees who have earned both companies profits of 6,824 mln USD for TCCC and 2,561 mln USD for CCE.

In these times of economic turmoil, companies should not add to economic distress by further slashing jobs and cutting benefits. When they tend to forget, we need to remind them of their responsibility for their employees and society, and I am proud to see that you are doing this with your mass protest actions.

Our IUF Coca-Cola Workers Alliance unites 56 unions organizing workers in Coke around the world, including in all countries where CCE operates. They will watch closely whether Coke takes a responsible position during the merger process and will not tolerate a massive attack on workers conditions during this process.

I wish you strength and success for your struggle and reassure you of our firm support

In solidarity,

Ron Oswald
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