

Railroad Workers United

Unity - Solidarity - Democracy: The Rank & File in Action!

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Resolution in Support of UP Dispatchers

Whereas, the train dispatchers on the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) have undertaken the effort to organize themselves into a union; and

Whereas, like the dispatchers on the other major rail systems in North America today, the UP dispatchers have come to understand and appreciate the benefits of union membership; and

Whereas, their fellow dispatchers on the other major carriers have already organized themselves into the union and are reaping the benefits of trade unionism; and

Whereas, UP dispatchers are faced with a host of issues that compel them to organize, including pay and benefits, unfair discipline, scheduling, dignity and respect on the job; and

Whereas, these concerns are best addressed collectively by the workers concerned through organization into a union of their choosing; and

Whereas, it is in the interests of all train dispatchers and in the interests of all railroad workers that these brothers and sisters on UP be brought into the union fold:

Therefore, be it resolved that Railroad Workers United (RWU) unequivocally supports the efforts of the Union Pacific dispatchers in their organizing effort; and

Be it further resolved that RWU pledges its solidarity and support to the rank and file dispatchers in their struggle to build a union; and

Be further resolved that RWU urge all railroad workers and their unions to stand squarely behind the UP dispatchers in the fight; and

Be it finally resolved that RWU calls upon the existing railroad trade union leaders to issue similar proclamations of solidarity and to educate and mobilize their membership around this important organizing drive.

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