



# Railroad Workers United

**Unity – Solidarity – Democracy: The Rank & File in Action!**

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## **RWU Resolution in Support of Fired Whistleblower**

**Whereas** on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) at the Department of Labor (DOL) charged the Canadian National Railway (CN) with violation of the whistleblower provisions of the Federal Rail Safety Act when it fired carman Steve Desavouret in March of 2008; and

**Whereas** OSHA found that carman Steve Desavouret did not violate any CN rules or policies but was fired for reporting and on-the-job injury; and

**Whereas** CN has to date refused to obey the order to immediate reinstate Steve Desavouret to his former position at the Markham, Illinois terminal

**Therefore, Be it Resolved** that Railroad Workers United (RWU) demands that the CN Railway immediately abide by the order of the Department of Labor and reinstate carman Steve Desavouret to his former position with full wages and benefits; and

**Be it further Resolved** that RWU encourages messages of protest be sent to:

Canadian National Railway  
Labor Relations Department  
17641 Ashland Avenue  
Homewood IL 60430-1339

**And Be it Finally Resolved** that RWU encourages all railroad workers to bring this issue to their unions and to publicize the case among their co-workers.

**Resolution adopted by the RWU Steering Committee August 7, 2012**