

Boston School Bus Drivers' Union Stands in 100% Solidarity with "Occupy Boston"! The "Occupy Wall Street" Movement is Every Worker's Fight!

How thrilling it is to drive by Dewey Square with a bus full of school children, and witness the most important lesson of all – a community arisen to struggle against corporate oppression and striving to build a better world in the interests of the human race – being lead by young workers, some fresh off our buses, braving the elements and the tyranny of the 1%!

Steelworkers President Leo W. Gerard issued the following statement on Oct. 1st, with which the members of Local 8751 concur:

"The United Steelworkers (USW) union stands in solidarity with and strongly supports the "Occupy Wall Street" protest movement. The brave men and women, many of them young people without jobs, who have been demonstrating around-the-clock for nearly two weeks in New York City are speaking out for the many in our world. We are fed up with the corporate greed, corruption and arrogance that have inflicted pain on far too many for far too long.

Our union has been standing up and fighting these captains of finance who promote Wall Street over Main Street. We know firsthand the devastation caused by a global economy where workers, their families, the environment and our futures are sacrificed so that a privileged few can make more money on everyone's labor but their own

Wall Street and its counterparts on Bay Street (Toronto), The City (London) and across the world tanked our economy in 2008. They caused a crisis that we're still suffering from – record job losses, home foreclosures, cuts to schools, public services, ..., fire and so much more. They've gambled with our pension funds and our futures for far too long.

They should have gone to jail. Instead, they got bailed out, while we got left out. And now they want us to go down the same path."

To the corporations' ever increasingly violent demands for more profits, more productivity, more austerity for the people, more wars of conquest, we say, "Hell No!"

We raise our members' demands in direct opposition, and say that the trillions of dollars stolen from us by global corporate profiteers need to be redistributed as "Money for Jobs, Housing, Healthcare and Education! Stop the Wars of Occupation!"

As the Bank of Americas and governments of this world continue to lay off tens of thousands



of workers, while reaping record profits off the backs of the last-hired-first-fired, we demand an immediate end to their agenda of racism, sexism, homophobia, bigotry and immigrant scapegoating, and a full employment jobs program for everyone who wants to work.

We have been waging a contract campaign for "Retirement With Dignity", because many of our 800 members in our 60's, 70's and 80s are forced to get up at 3:00 AM and drive until after the sun goes down, because we have no pension or retirement benefits, and Wall Street is looting our meager savings every day. We demand Pension and Retirement Health Care Rights for All! Hands Off Social Security and Medicare! Many of us thought we were between jobs in the 1970's and 80's and would be more than happy to hand our keys over to the millions of our unemployed sisters and brothers of younger generations, if we could afford it. Your struggle is our struggle.

Lastly, to Bloomberg and the state authorities in NYC, we demand, "Drop the Frame-up Charges Against the Occupiers, Now!" "Stop the Police Violence!" We are urging our members to sign the online petition:

<http://bailoutpeople.org/dropchargesonoccupywallstarrestees.shtml>

It reads in part:

It is not a crime to demand that our money be spent on meeting people's needs, not for massive corporate bailouts.

The real criminals are in the boardrooms and executive offices on Wall Street, not the people marching for jobs, healthcare, and a moratorium on foreclosures.

To the "Occupy Wall Street" Movement, Local 8751 says, "Thanks," and "Solidarity Forever!"

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