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### **Resolution of Support for Our Canadian Brothers and Sisters on the CN Railroad**

**Whereas**, our UTU represented brothers and sisters on the Canadian National property in Canada have voted overwhelmingly (upwards of 95% or more in most locals) to take legal strike action; and

**Whereas** the Canadian National – like the other Class I rail carriers in North America – has made record profits over the course of the last year; and

**Whereas** the demands of our rank-and-file Brothers and Sisters are reasonable, modest and just, and are completely in-line with what other North American railroaders would expect to achieve in bargaining; and

**Whereas**, whenever a group of workers take such strike action it is imperative that all working people come to their aid and assistance, both individually and collectively through our unions; and

**Whereas**, a victorious outcome for the rank-and-file on the Canadian National would represent a victory for ALL North American railway workers, while similarly, a loss would mean a defeat for all of us; and

**Whereas**, all railroaders and our unions must present a united front in the face of the carriers' attacks, and it is absolutely imperative we strive for the greatest possible unity and solidarity; and

**Whereas**, the UTU International President has publicly indicated he will disregard the overwhelming vote of UTU rank-and-filers on the CN, and he has given fodder to the CN management in their efforts to stop the strike action; and

**Whereas**, ROCU has just published a draft of a proposed Constitution and Merger Agreement which, among other democratic provisions, puts the power to strike in the hands of those who should wield it – the rank-and-file; and would never allow one union officer to override such a massively overwhelming, legal, majority decision of the rank-and-file membership.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that Railroad Operating Crafts United (ROCU) calls upon the rank-and-file members of the United Transportation Union (UTU) and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen (BLET) to make every effort to support our brothers and sisters on strike in Canada; and

**Be it further resolved**, that ROCU urges all UTU members to demand that the UTU International issue a public declaration of support for the strikers; and

**Be it finally resolved** that ROCU calls upon the UTU International officers, all of rail labor and organized labor in general, to support our Brothers and Sisters on the Canadian National Railroad.