

October 12, 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Re: FIOM Day of Action on October 16, 2010

On behalf of the 200,000 Canadian Auto Workers union members right across Canada, I send you a message of solidarity on this day of action in Italy.

Across the globe, workers are being pressed by corporations to take less and less and work harder at the time where corporate profits are making a rebound after the economic crisis. Major international conglomerates are demanding that working men and women accept severe concessions for the privilege of being able to go do our jobs each day. It is a disgrace.

Companies are trying their hardest to undo years of gains by trade unions. At the same time, the corporate media is making great headway in convincing citizens that unions are the problem. Sisters and brothers, unions are not the problem, nor have we ever been the problem. Inhumanity and the drive for greater profits at the expense of working conditions and a good quality of life for all are the roots of the problems and challenges we now face. And we must face them with courage and determination.

Like you, here in Italy we will not accept that workers deserve less in exchange for a stable future and full-time employment. Members of the Canadian Auto Workers union stand with you.

Many kilometers away, we are with you in spirit for your fight.

Yours in solidarity,



KEN LEWENZA
National President

al:kl:dbcope343