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To the CAW members locked out at EMD in London, Ontario

Dear Colleagues,

The members of the Caterpillar trade union network united under the aegis of the International Metalworkers Federation (IMF) stand shoulder to shoulder with you against EMD/Caterpillar's assault on Canadian workers, their families and communities.

We are outraged by EMD/Caterpillar's attempt to extract major wage and benefit concessions from union members and thereby destroy the living standards of Canadian industrial workers. Unlike other manufacturers Caterpillar has recovered well from the global economic crisis and the outlook for this year is positive. The attempt to undermine your jobs, wages and working conditions shows a basic disdain and disrespect for workers and their livelihoods. It is an affront to basic fairness and decency.

Caterpillar union members across the world send you their unreserved support and stand in solidarity with you in your fight to uphold the wages and working conditions that have been fought for over decades.

Yours in unity,

Jyrki Raina
IMF General Secretary