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To: All Sisters and Brothers in Labor Worldwide

On behalf of the International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO (ILA), representing over 65,000 workers, we stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Unit 60 of the International Longshore and Warehouse Workers Union (ILWU) in Seward, Alaska.

We are extremely concerned that Possehl Erzkontor GmbH (Peter Cremer) and Alaska Logistics have recently hired non-union, out-of-state longshore workers to perform jobs historically done by members of ILWU Unit 60. The actions of Possehl Erzkontor GmbH (Peter Cremer) are nothing short of union busting.

Never in our lifetime have any of us seen such economic uncertainty—the highest economic inequality, record levels of unemployment, and attacks on union rights.

By hiring workers on substandard wages and benefits, Alaska Logistics is threatening Seward's entire economic livelihood. For decades, the hard work of the sisters and brothers of the ILWU, along with their economic buying power has supported local small businesses and helped the local community prosper. This is now at stake.

We join the calls of the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) and the ILWU for Possehl Erzkontor GmbH, and their parent company Peter Cremer, to engage in good-faith dialogue with the ILWU and ITF to resolve the issues in Seward, to hire unionized crews, and to uphold local industry standards. Possehl Erzkontor must intervene with Alaska Logistics to ensure that no further harm is done in Seward.

In Solidarity,


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