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IndustriALL Global Union in solidarity with locked-out Unifor Local 594 members at Co-op Refinery in Regina

Dear Brother Jerry,

I write to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industriall-union.org), which represents more than fifty million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in 140 countries worldwide, to express our full support and solidarity with the locked-out Unifor Local 594 members at the Co-op Refinery in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, and to condemn in the strongest terms your arrest, that of Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle, and a dozen other Unifor members, by the Regina police.

IndustriALL Global Union urges the Regina police to refrain from resorting to heavy-handed tactics, which have included the arrests of peacefully demonstrating Unifor members. The police should respect fully the right of workers to protest the shameful behaviour of the Co-op Refinery in Regina, which is refusing to negotiate a fair pension plan for the workers, and to make matters worse, it has kept workers locked out for 48 days.

Therefore, IndustriALL Global Union calls on the Co-op Refinery in Regina to put an immediate end to the reprehensible lockout, and engage in good-faith negotiations with Unifor concerning a defined benefit pension plan for the workers.

We stand firm in solidarity with all the locked-out Unifor Local 594 members at the Co-op Refinery in Regina in their struggle for justice and dignity.

In solidarity,



Valter Sanches, General Secretary