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Re: Massive Teachers' Strike Protest in Athens

I write you on behalf of the Oilfields Workers' Trade Union of Trinidad and Tobago to express our complete solidarity with you during this difficult time for teachers. As the voice of labour looms over the unfortunate realities of ineffective governments, time and time again we continue to see the burden of adjustment being placed on the working class.

As we stand alongside you Comrades, we notice a budding trend among the teaching service of countries across the globe, where teachers who're responsible for the education of our children and future generations are being carelessly sent home without proper consideration for the impact it would have on our youth and our future.

As opposed to securing a future for its citizens and ensuring the proper education of our youth of today, governments are casually sending home worker after worker with little consideration for the ramifications on the public it claims to serve.

In this endeavour, the Oilfields Workers' Trade Union says no more and raises its voice with the Comrades across the globe as we denounce this utter disregard for the hardworking teachers in Greece and other parts of the world who're suffering from a government incapable of recognizing the invaluable contribution of teachers in nation building. We also join arms with the Comrades across the globe as we reject this attempt to legitimize a silencing of the people through the use of the SYRIZA bill.

An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere and we, at the Oilfields Workers' Trade Union, will not remain silent faced with injustice. A blow to one is a blow to all and we will not sit idly by while workers' rights are removed under the guise of building any economy.

In solidarity,
Oilfields Workers' Trade Union

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