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Dear Comrades,

Re: Solidarity with Los Angeles Teachers' Strike

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 reinforce the need to respect the hard work of those who toil day and night to ensure the proper education of our children and future generations. The Los Angeles teachers have stood up to declare that enough is enough with the flippant attitude towards labour, privatization of schools and reckless sending home of teachers without proper consideration for the impact it would have on our future and not to mention the livelihoods of those who've dedicated themselves to it day in and day out.

As opposed to securing the interests of its citizens, the government is removing the rights of those who would've toiled hard to ensure that everyone had equal access to an education. Instead of improving the service currently existent, the government is ignoring the voices of many and only listening to the voices of the few.

To this endeavor, 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 Los Angeles and other parts of the world who're suffering from a government incapable of recognizing the invaluable contribution teachers make in nation building, especially in the lives of those who would not have had access to a better life without their service.

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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