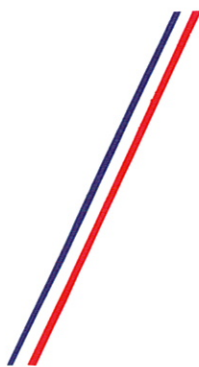


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Berthold Huber, President  
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Dear Berthold:

On behalf of over 700,000 members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, we stand with our brothers and sisters at IG Metall in their fight for decent wages and working conditions. Transnational corporations must understand that the strength of the world economy depends upon the strength of the world's labor movement and its ability to negotiate fair and decent wages.

The IAM stands with IG Metall in its current struggle. Through international solidarity we can make a difference for millions of metalworkers' throughout the world.

In International Solidarity,

R. Thomas Buffenbarger  
International President

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