



Leo W. Gerard
International President

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Miguel Ángel Riquelme Solís
Governor of Coahuila
Palacio de Gobierno, 1er. Piso, Juárez y Zaragoza s/n, Zona Centro 25000
Saltillo, Coah., México

Dear Governor Riquelme,

The United Steelworkers are alarmed by reports that workers at Fasemex in Castaños and Real Alloy in Frontera who protested the profit-sharing payments announced this week have received death threats.

We are also very concerned that arrest warrants were issued for the workers' attorneys - Cristian Ponce Ramírez, Jesús Ponce, Juan Iribarren Camacho, and Luis Alberto Iribarren-, and that state police raided the home of Cristian Ponce and caused extensive damage.

Our union represents 850,000 workers in Canada and the United States including employees of Real Alloy. We along with the rest of the labor movement in our countries have insisted that any new NAFTA guarantee the right of workers in all three countries to organize without fear of repression.

We demand that your government withdraw the arrest warrants for the workers' attorneys and compensate Mr. Ponce for the damage to his home, investigate and prosecute the persons who have threatened the workers of Real Alloy and Fasemex, and ensure that they receive all of the profit sharing payments to which they are entitled with no further retaliation or retribution.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leo W. Gerard'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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