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President, IG Metall

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President, European and World Group Works Councils of Volkswagen

RE: September 21 – Automotive Industry Day of Action

Dear Sisters Christiane and Daniela,

To our friends at IG Metall, and autoworkers throughout Germany.

On behalf of 320,000 Unifor members across Canada, we send you solidarity and support in your Day of Action on September 21.

Autoworkers around the world share a common struggle – to secure good, unionized jobs, to preserve local production, and to guard against unfair trade. As the global industry evolves, autoworkers must stand united. We must hold our employers accountable to build where they sell, and to take full responsibility for the factories and facilities that are fixtures in our communities.

Our union is watching closely the situation unfolding in Germany, and especially at Volkswagen. Threatening workers with tens of thousands of job losses and plant closures is both unfair and unacceptable. Governments that allow global automakers to dump cheap vehicles into the German market, without new investments in vehicle production, are only making matters worse. In Canada, the situation is much the same.

Your Day of Action is a celebration of the struggle for autoworkers everywhere.

It is a recognition of what's at stake, and the need for working people to respond. It is a reminder of the power working people have in this economy of uncertainty, as trade tensions escalate, especially with an untrustworthy Trump Administration.

Your fight is our fight.

And we will stand shoulder-to-shoulder, with you, to defend this industry.

In solidarity,



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National President



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