



# **Railroad Workers United**

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## **RWU Resolution Calling for Solidarity with UPS Workers**

**Whereas**, the US labor movement, including the railroad unions, face many obstacles in the fight to reverse the long decline of low membership; and

**Whereas**, UPS workers represented by the Teamsters are the largest private-sector workforce in the country and are battling to reverse the last 30 years of concessionary contracts at UPS; and

**Whereas**, logistics industry workers have proven to have huge potential power in the fight against corporate greed throughout history with industrial actions including countless railroad strikes, postal workers strikes, and the 1997 UPS strike; and

**Whereas**, solidarity action by other workers and unions along the supply chain can be the decisive factor in any battle between transportation workers and employers; and

**Whereas**, a victory for UPS workers could embolden all workers to go on the offensive to win better contracts; and likewise, a victory for the new leadership of the Teamsters could embolden all union members looking to reform and democratize their own unions; and

**Whereas**, RWU recognizes the power that railroad workers have to assist UPS workers, as thousands UPS containers and trailers are moved long distance on intermodal freight trains daily throughout the U.S.; and

**Therefore**, Be it Resolved that RWU offers full solidarity in support of UPS workers in their fight for a fair contract; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that RWU calls on railroad workers and our unions, especially the leadership of the Teamster affiliates - BLET, BMWED and TCRC - to refuse to load, unload, or crew any train which carries UPS freight in the instance of a strike at UPS which is protected within the law of the Railway Labor Act; and

**Be it Finally Resolved** that RWU urges all of rail labor to likewise stand in solidarity with our Teamster fellow workers at UPS.

**Adopted by the RWU Steering Committee 04/05/2023**