



Action Alert

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National Federation of Democratic Women President Cindy Jenks has issued the following statement:

“We stand with our brothers and sisters who have found it necessary to strike to protect their working conditions. We are glad that Communication Workers of America are back at work after reaching an agreement, but the United Auto Workers (UAW) strike against General Motors is now entering a second week and other unions are being locked out,” said Jenks.

CWA members found it necessary to go on strike while negotiating a new contract for their 20,000 workers in the Southeast. Their priority was to maintain the job security and benefits that they had in the contract that expired in August. Workers who were on strike included linemen, facility technicians and wire technicians.

Retail Grocery Workers’ Union has called for a boycott of the Fred Meyers/Kroger Stores. After 15 months of intense negotiations and Fred Meyers/Kroger Stores refusal to correct gross inequity in pay and unfair labor practices, Retail Grocery Workers’ Union has called for a boycott.

National Nurses United in Florida, Arizona and California are striking against Tenet Health. Nurses have been locked out of the University of Chicago Medical Center, and nurses in Oregon and Washington State are considering a strike.

On September 15, nearly 50,000 union workers walked off their jobs, starting a nationwide strike at General Motors. Union leaders have argued that GM workers deserve more of the company’s profits, which the Union reports has been \$35 Billion over the last three years. In addition to higher wages, the union members want a better pension plan, and to retain a health insurance plan in which workers pay about 4% of the costs.