

Worker Justice Resolution

Whereas: Wisconsin State Statutes were changed to eliminate the priority of repayment of workers wages over financial institutions in cases of companies filing for bankruptcy, and

Whereas: Firststar/US Bank had a primary role in lobbying the State Legislature for this change of priority, and

Whereas: This change has led to extreme hardship for workers throughout the State of Wisconsin, including 600 Pfister-Vogel/A.L. Gebhardt/ Steeltech workers, and continues with 4,500 workers statewide that have been reported to us, plus likely thousands more, and

Whereas: Firststar/US Bank refuses to reconsider their actions in the legislative amendment and in their denial of their obligations toward these workers and their families, and

Whereas: Many citizens of Milwaukee and a broad-based coalition of Milwaukee unions, community organizations, and religious institutions have taken up the cause of the workers, and

Whereas: In response to the failure of Firststar/US Bank to see the harm they continue to cause, these individuals, organizations and institutions have withdrawn significant amounts of deposits from Firststar/US Bank, and

Whereas, Firststar/US Bank has taken a position that unpaid human labor becomes part of the collateral for their loans, a position that is illogical, unethical, and immoral, and

Whereas: Withdrawal of funds from Firststar/US Bank may be done at little or no expense to taxpayers;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

The Common Council of the City of Milwaukee does hereby instruct the City Treasurer to remove all City of Milwaukee funds on deposit in Firststar/US Bank, and

Be it further resolved that the commencement of this action must take place no later than 30 days from the date of the passage of this resolution, unless Firststar/US Bank, during this 30 days, formally commits itself to support reversal of the state legislation cited above, and agrees to make payments to the workers that reflect the 60-day notice pay, vacation pay, and severance pay due them.

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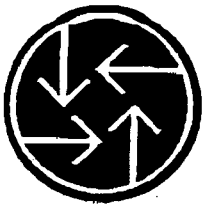
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Comments: This is the resolution we agreed to send.

Please call if you have questions

