



Teamsters Local Union No. 213

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Consulate General of India, Vancouver
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To: The Prime Minister of the Republic of India Narendra Modi

RE: TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 213 STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH FARMERS IN INDIA

The Teamsters Local Union 213 stands strongly in solidarity with the farmers and the millions of activists across India who are and have been peacefully protesting against the extreme Legislation recently passed by yourself and the Indian Government, which aims to deregulate Indian agriculture and destroy families that have been farming for generations.

This Legislation empowers corporations to exploit farmers and the agriculture workers and also removes the government regulated crop prices, among other regulated safe harvest procedures, threatening the livelihoods of millions of farmers and families. The New legislation has given the opportunity for Corporations, and large conglomerates to take over farmer's livelihood and eventually will rip the land off their hands.

This is the largest peaceful protest mobilization in history, farmers took the streets and highways leading to the Capital of India, New Delhi to exercise their democratic right to peacefully protest and have their voice heard. It is dearly sad to hear how they have been met with all the roadblocks, water cannons, tear gas, and police brutality. However, they are continuing to have their voice heard peacefully. The Teamsters Local Union 213 strongly condemns the actions taken by the Indian Government in response to the farmer's peaceful protest.

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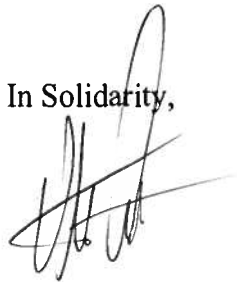
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Many members of the Teamsters Local Union No. 213 still have strong lively connections to farmers in India and we recognize the importance of freedom of expression and the right to peaceful protest.

The Teamsters Local Union No. 213 Strongly opposes the new legislation by the Indian Government, and request the Indian Government to stop using violence and ignoring the famers and to rather engage in a purposeful conversation with the farmers of India.

The Teamsters Local Union No. 213 stand in solidarity with the farmers protesting in India.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter Canta', written over a horizontal line.

Walter Canta,
Secretary-Treasurer