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Re: In Solidarity with ATU Local 689

Dear President Jeter,

The Brothers and Sisters of ATU Local 1277 stand with our Sister Local 689 and send our support with the following resolution: Whereas, our brother and sisters of ATU Local 689 in Washington, D.C. have taken a stand against plans by KKK-type fascist and other racist and ultra-right groups for a "Unite the Right 2018" rally in the nation's capital on August 12, and Whereas, this deadly dangerous promotion of racist terrorism is based on last August's "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, where Heather Heyer was murdered and DeAndre Harris was brutally beaten by the racist white supremacists; and Whereas, ATU Local 689 reported official plans that "a hate group with Ku Klux Klan affiliation will be provided three private Metro rail cars and police escort to Foggy Bottom Metro Station for the "Unite the Right 2018 rally, " and Whereas, ATU Local 689 stated that "More than 80% of Local 689's membership is people of color, the very people that the Ku Klux Klan and other white nationalist groups have killed, harassed and violated. The union has declared that it will not play a role in their special accommodation," and Whereas, transport workers refusing to transport racist terror groups to their rallies is an important example for labor when such groups are staging provocations in one city after another, and Whereas, the racist attacks they promote are a deadly threat to the communities that we in ATU Local 1277 serve, our multi-racial union membership, and to the labor movement as a whole; therefore be it Resolved, that ATU Local 1277 formally and publicly state that we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in ATU Local 689 who have taken a stand against management attempts to use their labor to provide "special accommodations" for racist groups participation in the deadly dangerous "Unite the Right 2018" rally in Washington D.C.

In Solidarity,

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