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NW18-010

To: NW SPEEA Council

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Subject: **New Business – Support of IAM WORKERS ON STRIKE at United Launch Alliance in Alabama, Florida and California.**

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**Background**

SPEEA has supported other workers on strike and fighting for justice in the work place.

United Launch Alliance (ULA) is a joint venture between Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. The company said its offer was in the best interest of owners and employees and that operations would continue during the strike.

The strike, which began May 7th, involves about 300 workers who assemble rockets in Decatur, Alabama, and about 300 who launch them, including about 220 at Cape Canaveral, Florida, and 80 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

Union members cited travel requirements and a lack of job security as major sticking points, news outlets reported.

A frequently voiced complaint among picketers in Alabama on Monday was a contract provision that expands management's authority to require employees to travel to different sites to support launches.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/business/workers-walk-out-on-strike-against-rocket-company/>

**Motion**

It is moved **that the NW SPEEA Council supports the Machinists on strike at United Launch Alliance (ULA). The NW SPEEA council requests that The SPEEA Executive Board send a letter of support.**