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Felipe Calderón Hinojosa
President of Mexico
Los Pinos, Mexico

Dear President Calderón:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, a national alliance of community, student, labor and Indigenous organizations in the United States connecting our local struggles to an international movement for peace and justice.

We want to express our shock and outrage about your government's actions in failing to accord legal recognition to the democratically elected president of the Mexican Electrical Workers' Union, Martín Esparza; to send in Federal Police to occupy the Luz y Fuerza del Centro facilities; and to issue a decree liquidating the company and dismissing some 45,000 unionized workers. These actions violate both Mexican law and the commitments assumed by Mexico before the international community, specifically conventions 87 and 98 of the International Labor Organization.

We therefore strongly urge that you immediately take the following steps:

- * Revoke the decree liquidating Luz y Fuerza del Centro;
- * Reinstate the workers who have been fired and respect their labor rights;
- * Respect the Mexican Electrical Workers' Union's collective agreement; and
- * Unconditionally recognize the SME's democratically elected union leadership and negotiate in good faith with them for a just resolution to this dispute.

Our alliance and other organizations around the world will be closely monitoring your government's actions in the coming period, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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