

# Attention Local 111 Members



Unifor Local 111 stands in solidarity with the farmers of Punjab, Haryana and all other states of India protesting against the new farm bills passed by the government of India.

Thousands of farmers have descended upon India's capital city to raise their voices against the new laws in peaceful ways. However, these peaceful protests are being handled with violent tactics, sparking further outrage among farmers and outcry from advocates all over the world. The protest has now exploded into a global denunciation of not only agricultural deregulation in India, but of the India government itself.

"Shame on India's government for using a pandemic as an excuse to ram through draconian industrial reforms," said Jerry Dias, Unifor National President. "Farmers and their allies should be congratulated for taking a firm stance against deregulation."

Protests against the new laws have spread to nation-wide blockades. In addition to driving down wages, small-scale farmers are concerned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reforms will overwhelmingly benefit large corporate-owned farm operations.

"Deregulation doesn't work. Working people always lose when left to the whims of multinational corporations," said Lana Payne, Unifor National Secretary-Treasurer. "Unifor is proud to stand with India's farmers in their fight for economic justice."

In Solidarity,



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