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Miguel Ángel Riquelme Solís  
Governor of Coahuila  
Palacio de Gobierno, 1er. Piso, Juárez y Zaragoza s/n, Zona Centro 25000 Saltillo,  
Coah., México

Dear Governor Riquelme,

The United Steelworkers are alarmed by reports that workers at Fasemex in Castaños and Real Alloy in Frontera who protested the profit-sharing payments announced this week have received death threats.

We are also very concerned that an arrest warrant was issued for the workers' attorney, Cristian Ponce, and that state police raided his home and caused extensive damage.

Our union represents 850,000 workers in Canada and the United States including employees of Real Alloy. We along with the rest of the labor movement in our countries have insisted that any new NAFTA guarantee the right of workers in all three countries to organize without fear of repression.

We demand that your government withdraw the arrest warrant for the workers' attorney and compensate him for the damage to his home, investigate and prosecute the persons who have threatened the workers of Real Alloy and Fasemex, and ensure that they receive all of the profit sharing payments to which they are entitled with no further retaliation or retribution.

Very truly yours,

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