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We, the Officers of the United Teachers Los Angeles, AFT Local 1021, are extremely concerned about the killings and violence faced by our sisters and brothers who are teachers and colleagues in Mexico. We are alarmed by the brutal repression of the teachers by the federal government. We believe that these authorities should begin a dialogue that recognizes the just demands of the teachers' movement and not use force as a solution to this or any other conflict, especially in a country marked by violence and impunity.

Therefore, we demand:

1. The immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, as well as the cancellation of all arrest warrants resulting from this conflict.
2. The initiation of an earnest national dialogue between the federal government and representatives of the National Coordinating Committee of Education Workers (CNTE), the legitimate representative of the teachers' movement that has rejected, with dignity, the call for education reform from the federal government. The end to the killing of Mexico's teachers.
3. A cessation of the repression and persecution of the teachers' movement and the thousands of people who have come out to demonstrate against the call for education reform. The federal government's denial of the right to protest is without a doubt the principle sign of an authoritarian state.

We join in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are resisting the corporate agenda and defending their right to a free public education and the ability to function as professional and socially-responsible educators.

In solidarity,

The Officers of UTLA

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