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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Labor Committee 4 Peace & Justice extends its support for your valiant and militant struggle to defend not just your rights as teachers and trade unionists, but the Mexican people's right to a public education that is guaranteed in your federal constitution. We applaud your courageous resistance against implementation of the present changes in the constitution which would use standardized tests for teachers to be hired and to keep their jobs, standardized tests for students that will limit their future opportunities in life as well as reducing federal funding to state and local schools. These changes will have the worst impact on the poorest states and communities, especially those whose population mainly speak languages other than Spanish. We also oppose all efforts at privatization of the school system.

We face similar attacks in the United States of America under the guise of reform. Your struggle for educational and union justice is an inspiration to us about how teachers and communities can unite to defend public education. You have demonstrated for the world that the forces behind these so-called reforms are powerful corporate interest that intend to privatize public education.

YOUR STRUGGLE IS OUR STRUGGLE!

In solidarity for the Committee,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Eisenscher". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Michael Eisenscher, Coordinator