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Canadian Union of Postal Workers Support Jaggi Singh and An End to Corporate Theft and Police Tyranny

CUPW is in full agreement with the June 2011 public statement regarding the Toronto G20 made by Jaggi Singh for which he faces legal sanction and sentencing. We believe the authorities have a lot to answer for. This is an attempt to find scapegoats to cover for human rights abuses, reckless spending and the predictable police riot at the G20. We note that to date we have not heard of any politician, or businessman held accountable for any crimes arising from the brutality unleashed at the G20 under the state mechanism of “police discretion” and “national security”. In the name of austerity, over 1,000 people were arrested. To date, we know of only one police officer charged for their actions in Toronto.

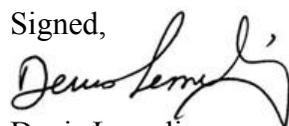
Jaggi Singh talked about a “fear campaign” and “executive board” for global capitalism responsible for enormous misery and oppression” that “deserve to be confronted”. He rejects the notion you can “sit down and negotiate the terms of our own misery” or “make the cages we are in a little bigger”. He noted that there are fences all over the world creating a “global apartheid” of elites and comfortable beneficiaries while the rest of humanity who live with the fallout of poverty and uncertainty. In that respect the fence in Toronto was a “microcosm of what you see all over the world”. He said that he “stood with people who question the legitimacy of this fence” and to support those who want to “take down these fences and walls” that prevent us from confronting “the people who are responsible for enormous misery in the world”. We agree that it is naïve to think we can convince “the leaders of the G20 and the managers of global capitalism” who are “engaged in a massive transfer of wealth...to be nicer”. He expressed pride and his choice to stand with “protestors using a variety of strategies and tactics” to confront the discriminatory and exploitive policies of global capital. We have reviewed the statements of Mr. Singh and find that we concur with his statements made prior to the G20.

This trial and the G20 raise many questions about the liberal myth of the rule of law in Canada. Incredible effort was made to hunt down and round up organizers and activists opposed to devastating G8/G20 policies. This reflects the political and social bankruptcy of elites who are willing to silence dissent and pretend all is well in this house of falling cards called capitalism and an unsustainable order.

We salute Jaggi Singh for his solidarity with communities under attack and reject the ongoing criminalization of dissent in the name of so-called ‘security’.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers represent 54,000 workers in postal and postal related services and participated in the G20 protests and related events held in Toronto in June, 2010.

Signed,



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