UNI Gaming Global Union



To UNI Global Union Affiliates

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Letter of Support for Station Casinos Workers

UNI Global Union is the global union for skills and services, representing 900 unions and 20 million workers in 150 countries worldwide. Our aim is to grow and strengthen affiliated unions and to improve the working conditions and lives of workers in the services and allied sectors.

On February 19, 2010, workers at Station Casinos made a public demand for a fair process so they can choose freely whether to organize without interference, intimidation, bullying, or litigation by company management.

On March 22, 2012, workers delivered to the company a public petition for a fair process that was signed by a majority of workers in the bargaining unit of Culinary Workers Union Local 226 and Bartenders Union Local 165, Las Vegas affiliates of UNITE HERE.

In April, 2012, twelve Station Casinos workers, including two fired organizers, were joined by five union workers from the Las Vegas Strip in a ten-day fast to draw attention to the refusal by the company to respect its workers' signatures and demand for a fair process.

Station Casinos responded to its employees' organizing campaign with an intense and vicious anti-union campaign.

It broke U.S. federal labor law eighty-eight times, according to two administrative law judges of the U.S. National Labor Relations Board, whose findings were upheld when the NLRB denied the company's appeal in September, 2012.

Station Casinos is now the worst labor-law breaker in the history of the Nevada gaming industry.

Station Casinos is owned by affiliates of Fertitta Entertainment LLC, Deutsche Bank AG, Oaktree Capital Management, and Fidelity Investments.

We hereby demand that Station Casinos immediately cease all anti-union activities and recognize and respect its workers' right to organize freely under U.S. law.

We also call on UNI Gaming affiliates to condemn the anti-union attacks by Station Casinos and commit to boycott the company's properties until the labor dispute is resolved.

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