

23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2014

**To: Affiliated Unions**

**Re Lockout at Greyhound Recycling**

Dear Colleague

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Council to call your attention to a serious industrial dispute involving 70 members of SIPTU who have been locked out by Greyhound Recycling in an effort to impose pay cuts averaging 35%. The workers concerned have been replaced by others supplied by employment agencies.

Clearly this is an intolerable abuse of industrial power by an unscrupulous employer against low paid workers. For the sake of workers everywhere this behaviour must be effectively opposed. It is imperative that the whole trade union movement should join in this cause.

Accordingly, I am requesting that you communicate with all your members in the Dublin area, requesting that they contact the company, Telephone: 1890 989 998 and object to the way it is treating its workers. They should also ask the company to allow its employees to return to work on the terms of their existing collective agreement, pending negotiations. It would also be helpful to make it clear that a continuation of the lockout would make it difficult to retain Greyhound's services in the future.

The Executive Council also decided to appeal to all affiliates to subscribe to the support fund which has been established to assist the workers who are surviving on €200 per week strike pay. The TEEU has already decided to commit €10,000 in two moieties, Unite has contributed €10,000 and the CWU €5,000. Subscriptions can be made to the fund as follows or paid directly to SIPTU in the name of the account.

**Name of Bank Account : SIPTU Greyhound Workers Support Fund**

**Address : Bank Of Ireland, 6 O'Connell Street Lower, Dublin 1.**

**Account Number : 75188183**

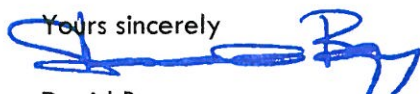
**Branch Code : 90-00-33**

**Bank Identifier Code : BOF11E2D**

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Thanking you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely



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