



**District 9**  
**International Association of Machinists**  
**And Aerospace Workers**

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Subject: Appeal for Financial Assistance

**TO ALL IAM & IAM/TCU DISTRICT AND LOCAL LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On October 31, 2016, 21 members of Local Lodge 41 and Local Lodge 313, District No. 9 in St. Louis, Missouri went on strike against their employer American Pulverizer.

The strike began when the members rejected the employer's last, best and final offer which included rolling 87 percent of the healthcare costs onto the members, offer minimal and inconsistent wage increases, take away premium pay for overtime and not guarantee holidays off. The employer also wants the members to use their vacation time for things like medical leave, FMLA and time off due to workers' compensation.

The strike is entering its 14<sup>th</sup> week and the morale of our members on the picket line remains strong.

On behalf of Local Lodges 41 and 313, I am appealing to our IAM and IAM/TCU Brothers and Sisters to make whatever donation they can as this fight is not just in the IAM; this struggle for a fair wage structure is a war being waged across the USA and Canada, with the current battle lines being drawn in St. Louis, Missouri.

This strike is sanctioned by the Executive Council and all contributions should be made by check or money order, payable to the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, who is conformity with the Grand Lodge Constitution, will acknowledge receipt of same and forward it to Local Lodge 41.

Thanking you for your financial donations and assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted in Solidarity,

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