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Tennessee State Conference NAACP Supports Union Workers' Rights to Collective Bargaining

The NAACP, on a national, state and at local levels, has consistently affirmed its commitment and continuing mission for fair employment, labor, hiring and workplaces practices. Fighting for Workers Rights is one of the hallmark components of our Agenda. Essential to this dedication is the right of workers to engage in collective bargaining and in exercising their essential democratic right to unionize. The United Nations' International Labour Declaration of Fundamental Principles and Rights goes further by declaring the right to participate in collective bargaining and unionization as a basic "human right."

That is why certain actions and statements by some opposing the right of Volkswagen Chattanooga employees to freely engage in collective bargaining and union voting can be viewed as nothing less than threatening, and represents intimidation, harassment and coercion in its ugliest forms, and these recent actions are henceforth censored. Likewise, these negative actions against American workers and the middle class represents a direct assault on the rights of workers and all working class people.

The NAACP stands opposed to all forms of workplace intimidation, harassment and coercion, and future types of retribution against workers. The NAACP reaffirms its commitment to protecting the Constitutional right of workers to participate in fair labor practices, including unionization, and in the most basic American and "human" right of all, to freely choose without fear of reprisal and retribution.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

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