LABOR NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABILITY

A Labor Rights Statement of Support
(Resolution for Environmentalists)

WHEREAS, Unions are often asked to support resolutions to protect the climate and the environment. Shouldn't environmental and climate organizations be asked to pass comparable resolutions supporting worker rights?

WHEREAS, The board of the Labor Network for Sustainability recently passed a resolution on workers rights that we hope many other environmental and climate protection organizations will consider and pass; therefore be it

RESOLVED, We support the rights of workers to organize into unions free of coercion, intimidation and harassment, and to bargain collectively with their employers. This is the law of the land as embodied in the National Labor Relations Act.

RESOLVED, We reject all efforts to weaken our national labor laws and union security laws and provisions. And we reject all efforts to undermine rules and regulations designed to protect working people, and our environment.

RESOLVED, We further support local content requirements (domestic content), project labor agreements, the use of union labor and well defined ladders out of poverty for those who could never aspire to good union apprenticeships and good union, family supporting jobs.

RESOLVED, We support: Build local, shop local, eat local.

RESOLVED, We pledge to work together for job creation in a climate-friendly economy; fight together for full employment in an economy that uses union labor. For example, American steel made by USW members must be used to make wind turbines erected by union building trades workers.

RESOLVED, Most green energy capitalists hold anti-union positions. We oppose them on that point, and will work to help them see the wisdom of cultivating a high quality, well trained, union workforce.

RESOLVED, Together, we with our partners and allies, place people and planet first.

The Labor Network for Sustianability