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To members of Local 332 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) General Electric plant in Fort Edward New York State USA c/o Chris Townsend at <u>uewashingtonoffice@gmail.com</u>; <u>international@ranknfile-ue.org</u>

IndustriALL Global Union in Solidarity with General Electric Workers at Fort Edward, USA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you on behalf of <u>IndustriALL Global Union</u>, which represents 50 million workers in the mining, energy and manufacturing sectors in 140 countries as a new force in global solidarity taking up the fight for better working conditions and trade union rights around the world, to express our full support of the struggle by Local 332 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) to stop General Electric's plan to close the capacitor plant in Fort Edward, NY and move production to Florida.

We fully support your industrial action at General Electric Fort Edward on 18 October against the plant closing. We strongly believe that General Electric has a social responsibility to protect the livelihood of General Electric employees and its 200 families in the community. Furthermore, General Electric should strictly abide by EPA's regulations concerning the clean up of hazardous waste sites, including the dumping of millions of gallons of PCBs into the Hudson River. General Electric must take full responsibility for the harmful impact of its actions on the environment and human health.

We stand firm in solidarity with Local 332 in its struggle to overturn the company's decision and thus keep the jobs of General Electric employees at the Fort Edward plant.

In solidarity,

Jyrki Raina General Secretary IndustriALL Global Union