



## North America Cement Union Network Statement

### **Unions representing cement workers in North America gathered on March 10, 2022 and expressed their solidarity with Teamsters.**

Seattle cement workers, members of Teamsters Local 174 in Seattle, are on strike for almost four months. Despite personal sacrifices by the 330 striking workers, ready-mix drivers in Seattle are united in demanding the Seattle subsidiaries of Heidelberg Cement and Taiheiyo Cement bargain in good faith to renew the collective bargaining agreement with decent standards for the local market.

The reluctance of employers to bargain in good faith brought Seattle's \$23 billion construction industry to a standstill and impacted over 15,000 local construction workers whose jobs have been shut down due to lack of cement, but other construction trades have acted in solidarity with the demands of the cement workers.

We note with concern investigations of illegal anti-competitive behavior by HC and TC.

We call on Heidelberg and Taiheiyo to get back to the bargaining table without further delay, conclude a fair agreement with Teamsters Local 174 and get Seattle construction back to work.