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Volkswagen Workers in Chattanooga need an Independent Voice

The Volkswagen Corporation is marked globally by living up to its policy of respecting workers' rights and the freedom of association. Despite a hostile political environment in the State of Tennessee and the interference of anti-labor groups on an unprecedented scale, the Volkswagen workers at the Chattanooga plant have continued to build their union, their UAW local 42. The setback of the narrow defeat in the 2014 election for union representation for all production workers has not stopped union organizing. The workers and their families need an independent voice to discuss and to bargain over their working conditions at Volkswagen in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

IndustriALL Global Union, its affiliates around the globe, and its more than 15 million members congratulate their colleagues at Volkswagen on their courage to continue organizing and building their union. The election to recognize a bargaining unit for the skilled trades workers will be a first step to develop a sustaining and constructive relationship between management and employees guaranteed by a strong and competent voice of the workers' own. Your success will stand as a symbol for the beginning of a new era of industrial relations that will pave the way for a better future of all the working people in the United States.

In solidarity we stand

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