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Mr. Wayne Fraser
USW Director, District 6
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Dear Wayne,

On behalf of our 225,000 CAW members, we would like to express our continued support for your striking Vale-Inco workers in Sudbury.

Our members in Sudbury have pledged to continue to provide picket line support and solidarity as the strike continues in its sixth week. We are following with interest, Inco's threat to resume production. We recognize what this means to your members and to the community at large.

If, in fact, Inco follows through with this threat, you can count on our union to support you in preventing Inco from breaking your strike. As you are aware in 2000 we had a seven month strike when Falconbridge owned the mine represented by CAW Local 598. The fight to ensure that the mine did not run in 2000, during our strike is consistent with what Inco is threatening today.

If we can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

In solidarity,



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cc: John Fera, President, USW Local 6500
Richard Paquin, President, CAW Local 598

