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Esteemed Leaders,

The Sisters and Brothers of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 46 stand in solidarity with Nestora Salgado, a naturalized U.S. citizen who is being held in a prison in Mexico. We request her immediate release.

News of Nestora's imprisonment affected our members deeply. We see the cause of justice and humanity in her story. It is a principal of our Union to always seek a better quality of life for working people and to champion the cause of justice and freedom.

Nestora Salgado, having gone on a hunger strike in protest of her two years of incarceration in solitary confinement without even a court hearing, says:

"I've raised my voice before to defend our rights, to defend the rights of those who have been trampled on the most. I'm now raising my voice again in a hunger strike because I'm asking for my freedom, I'm asking that they recognize Nestora as a community policewoman and that they are violating my rights. I don't think you all will take this as an act of cowardice. To the contrary, I'm speaking out and need to do so because the government knows I'm innocent but yet continues to hold me captive, imprisoned."

IBEW Local 46 Sisters and Brothers stand in solidarity with our Mexican Brothers and Sisters who want the same quality of life for their communities that we all want and deserve: food, water and shelter for our families, education for our children, communities organized around principles of democracy, jobs that can sustain our families, and freedom from corruption and intimidation.

In solidarity,

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