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May Day March, 2017. Sign reads “Male and female workers demand that Delta Apparel Honduras give us our jobs back.” Photo credit: CODEMUH

Between April 5-7th, 2017, U.S.-based company, Delta Apparel fired over 40 workers that suffer from musculoskeletal injuries, from their factory in Villanueva, Cortés, Honduras. Most have worked with the company for over 10 years. 25 of the 40 workers have refused to accept any settlements, and are demanding that Delta Apparel give them their jobs back.

Without their jobs, the injured workers cannot access needed medical benefits and treatments, including operations, medicines, and rehab. Since they were fired,

CODEMUH and the workers have organized protests and gatherings outside of Delta's factory. Let's make Delta Apparel listen to them!

The 25 workers - 22 women and three men – have received medical diagnoses that demonstrate that the injuries they suffer from, have been largely caused by the repetitive assembly line work in the factories. The diagnoses of work-related injuries requires Delta to relocate workers inside the factory in order to reduce the risk factors that caused the injuries in the first place. Delta refused to do this, and instead fired the workers, using their injuries and diagnoses as the justification! This is in clear violation of Honduran law, which is already weakly enforced given the power of foreign companies, and the high rates of impunity and corruption in the Honduran government.

The Honduran Women's Collective (CODEMUH) and 25 recently fired employees are requesting that international organizations and individuals, send letters, email, call, tweet and Facebook, the U.S.-based company, Delta Apparel. Delta Apparel's headquarters is in Greenville, South Carolina, and is a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange.

Call, tweet, facebook, and write Delta Apparel and demand:

- That Delta Apparently reinstate the 25 fired workers, without conditions and without delay.
- That the company abide by Honduran law, and relocate the 25 workers to positions in the factories that do not expose them to the risk factors that caused their injuries in the first place.

#### CONTACT INFO:

Delta Apparel, Corporate Headquarters:

322 South Main Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601,

Tel: 864-232-5200

Email: [investor.relations@deltaapparel.com](mailto:investor.relations@deltaapparel.com)

Twitter: @DeltaApparel

Facebook: Delta Apparel

Write the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa ([SmithJA6@state.gov](mailto:SmithJA6@state.gov)) and insist that they follow-up with Delta Apparel and the Honduran government to ensure the workers' voices are heard.

In all communications, please send a copy to CODEMUH at [mujeresfem@codemuh.hn](mailto:mujeresfem@codemuh.hn). Also demonstrate your solidarity for the workers on CODEMUH's facebook ([Codemuh Codemuh](#))

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