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Toledo Refinery
Sunoco, Inc.
Mr. James Keeler
P.O. Box 1014
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February 24, 2010

Dear Mr. Keeler

This letter is being written with a great deal of urgency. Toledo Area Jobs with Justice is a coalition of more than 40 member organizations drawn from the social justice, labor and faith communities throughout Northwest Ohio. We have actively advocated for worker and community justice issues since our inception in 2002 and have expanded our reach with the addition of the Interfaith Worker Justice Coalition in 2004. As a member of the National Jobs with Justice Coalition, we have coordinated efforts to highlight corporate behavior which may be deemed as not in the best interest of the community in which the corporation exists. We tell you this only to inform you that an issue has been brought to our attention by members of our coalition and we feel compelled to let you know we intend to focus attention on this behavior and bring it to light in this community.

There seems to be a strong indication that Sunoco has reached out to an out of state contractor to perform shutdown work at the Toledo Refinery. This contractor has historically brought in an out of state workforce. We find this appalling. Northwest Ohio is in a serious recession. It was recently announced that Toledo was the 8th poorest city in the nation. Many construction workers in the Toledo area are experiencing unemployment rates of more than 30%. These are highly skilled and trained workers who have historically manned these shutdowns, routine maintenance contracts and capital improvement projects for the Sunoco Toledo Refinery. We strongly support these workers who are our neighbors, friends and families.

We request that you reconsider this contract award before moving forward with this shutdown. We understand your corporate responsibility to your shareholders but you also have a responsibility to your refinery neighbors and this community. We hope to hear from you soon. We are making plans to publicize this situation and bring it to the attention of everyone throughout Northwest Ohio.

For Justice,

Robert J Lynn Jr
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Jobs with Justice is a national campaign for workers' rights. More than 40 local JWW coalitions made up of labor, faith based, community and student organizations are building power and winning victories for workers and their communities.

Interfaith Worker Justice calls upon our religious values in order to educate, organize, and mobilize the religious community in the U.S. on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits, and working conditions for workers, especially low-wage workers.

Bob Lynn Jr. --- Secretary JWW