

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear President Calderón:

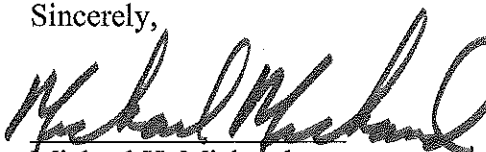
A delegation of trade union officials from the United States will be arriving in Mexico on July 8 to participate in a series of meetings in support of the National Miners' and Metalworkers' Union of Mexico (SNTMMSRM). Union leaders from the U.S. will be joined in these meetings by trade unionists and legislators from other countries.

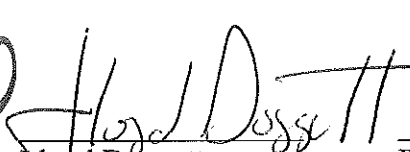
We write to bring to your attention the difficulties that SNTMMSRM currently is experiencing. Continued efforts by the Mexican government and Grupo Mexico to repress this democratic union in Mexico have raised serious questions about labor practices in your country.

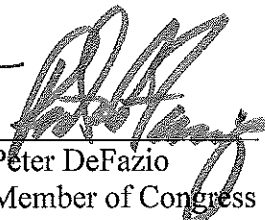
Specifically, we are gravely concerned that Mexico has violated the NAFTA labor side agreement when it removed the leader of the National Mineworkers' Union, Napoleon Gómez Urrutia, from office. Napoleon Gómez has been targeted because he fought successfully for higher wages, engaged in international solidarity, and challenged the government-controlled labor federations. His removal is worrisome and we urge you to reconsider the present course of action pursued by your government.

We are regrettably unable to join in this delegation but we look forward to reviewing a full report of the meetings from the U.S. delegates, which we will share with our colleagues in the U.S. Congress. We look forward to engaging with your government on this important labor issue.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress


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