

Italy Stands in Solidarity with the Workers of Ikea in Stoughton

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Filcams CGIL and The National Works Council Ikea Italy condemn IKEA's action in the USA and calls on the company to immediately end methods which contradicts the values of good industrial relations.

Employees of IKEA store in Stoughton, Massachusetts are struggling to organise a valid representation of worker's rights through a trade union. Despite IKEA's own code of conduct that gives free right to workers to join a union, the company's has shown lack of recognition towards The United Food and Commercial Workers' Union, instead it has demanded has demanded an election by the workers and sought to influence the outcome by dubious non-democratic means.

These methods of influencing the workers include mandatory workplace meetings where management, or workers coerced by management, paint a negative picture of the effects of joining a union. These meetings, which sometimes go on for many hours, are anti-democratic and amount to a form of brain-washing. The union is not allowed to attend these sessions and has been refused permission to hold its own meetings at the workplace. The workers are effectively being offered a skewered choice to choose between the union and the company, when in reality the UFCW, as a responsible union, wants the company to respect its workforce and succeed.

Filcams CGIL and The National Works Council Ikea Italy demand IKEA to show respect to the rights of its workers

EVERY IKEA WORKER AROUND THE WORLD HAS THE FREE RIGHT TO EXERCISE AND CHOOSE ITS OWN UNION REPRESENTATIVE AND ENGAGE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

IKEA AND UNIONS CAN WORK WELL TOGHETER - AS DEMONSTRATED IN MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. NO IKEA WORKER SHOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND THE UNION

IKEA USA MUST STOP ITS ANTI-UNION CAMPAIGN AND RECOGNISE UFCW AS THE VALID REPRESENTATIVE OF IKEA WORKERS IN USA

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