

MARITIME LABOR ALLIANCE



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After two years of a global pandemic and unprecedented profits for container terminal operators on the West Coast, longshore workers from California to British Columbia have earned the right to fair and equitable collective bargaining agreements.

On the U.S. West Coast alone, over 40 active longshore workers lost their lives to COVID-19. During this time, Pacific Maritime Association terminal operators and ocean carriers amassed over \$510 billion in profits handling U.S. cargo. In Canada the story is much the same, with unprecedented profits for Vancouver and Prince Rupert, British Columbia, terminal operators. It is high time that longshore workers from San Diego to Seattle to Prince Rupert receive their due for the sacrifices and for the critical work that they perform. Over a year has gone by without justice for longshore workers. The time for action is now.

The undersigned members of the Maritime Labor Alliance fully support Alliance member International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and ILWU Canada in their campaigns for updated contracts. In this age of outrageous inequality, these Unions are demanding fair shares for their members. All working people share their interests and will be lifted by their success.

We pledge our full support and stand in solidarity,

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The Maritime Labor Alliance consists of five leading maritime labor unions: American Radio Association (ARA), Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU), International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (MM&P). Together, we represent 120,000 maritime workers employed in every sector of the industry. Members of MLA unions have served the country on the docks and at sea in peace and war from 1875 to today.