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On behalf of 20,000 members of Japan Confederation of Railway Workers' Unions (JR Union), we would like to send this solidarity message to brothers and sisters of RTBU NSW Loco Division as we learned that you organized members at workplace in order to protect the rights of the workers and decided to go on the stoppage with nearly 100% approval of the members.

And we also heard that you have already succeeded in the first wave of the stoppage. We believed that the meaning of the success is not only the result of striking and winning the demands, but also the result of the RTBU comrades steadily educating and organizing members and leaders and that is very important.

We, the JR Union, are still in the process of rebuilding after many union members have withdrawn due to the failure of the wage increase struggle in 2018. This success of our RTBU comrades give us many lessons and courage as we continue to struggle to rebuild our organization. We will proceed with the struggle while always consciously discussing how to strengthen the unity of the organization as well as the success of the struggle.

Furthermore, in Japan, companies are trying to cut and rationalize labor costs because of their deficits due to the COVID-19. We, the JR Union, are also under intense attack from the management. The management is planning to make the workers work more efficiently by letting the crew members also perform various tasks, as well as drastically reducing the number of crew members by automation. We, the JR Union will learn from the struggle of our fellow RTBUs and create a struggle with strong unity through discussions with union members against attacks on the management that threaten the health of workers and the safety of railways.

We, the JRU, are confident that the struggle of the RTBU NSW Loco Division will be successful, in so doing winning the strong unity of the members and further strengthening the union through it. And we will continue to fight in Japan in solidarity with our RTBU friends. So, let's fight together!

In global solidarity,

Koji Yamaguchi, President

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