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**Wisconsin AFL-CIO Stands in Solidarity with IAMAW Local 1406 Workers on Strike at Federal Industries in Belleville**

(MILWAUKEE, WI) -- On June, 14, 2021 members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) Local 1406 went on strike at Federal Industries in Belleville. Workers of IAMAW Local 1406 make food storage and self-service display cases used in retail markets including delis, bakeries, schools, and convenience stores. IAMAW Local 1406 members rejected company contract proposals that attacked personal time, and failed to address inflation and the rising costs of healthcare. IAMAW Local 1406 members are essential workers who have served our communities throughout the pandemic.

“The Wisconsin labor movement proudly stands in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of Machinists Union Local 1406 on strike at Federal Industries in Belleville for a fair and just contract,” said Stephanie Bloomingdale, President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO. “We urge Federal Industries to continue to negotiate in good faith to reach a mutually agreeable contract. Affordable healthcare is a fundamental right of each and every working family. The courageous workers of IAMAW Local 1406 are taking a stand and using their collective power to preserve affordable healthcare, meaningful wage increases, and work-life balance.”

"It's disturbing how quickly our members went from essential to essentially forgotten by management," said Alex Hoekstra, Machinists Union District 10 Director. "One day it's heroes work here signs, the next it's picket signs."

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