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Harold Daggett
President

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via email: xavierbellido@dockworkers.org

Brother Xavier Bellido
IDC Secretariat

Dear Brother Xavier:

The tens of thousands of members of the International Longshoremen's Association at ports along the United States Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, the Great Lakes, Puerto Rico and Canada, extend our deepest sympathies and condolences on the passing of legendary labor leader Mike Carden. I am joined by my ILA Executive Officers who are all saddened by the loss of this great Liverpool Docker and Progressive Labor Leader and ask that you relay this message to Brother Mike Carden's family and his fellow Liverpool Dockers.

As one strong voice among 500 sacked Liverpool Dockers who lost their jobs in the Fall of 1995 during the purge on unions by then British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Brother Carden turned tragedy into triumph as he rallied his fellow dockers around the globe to engage in the first international solidarity actions in ports. This world-wide collective action planted the seeds that would flourish later on with the formation of the International Dockers Council. Not for fame or any personal reward, Brother Mike Carden became a champion to dockworkers everywhere. His impact was great, and his accomplishments and memory will long endure. He has joined the ranks of historical and world-renowned labor figures like César Estrada Chávez; Samuel Gompers; Teddy Gleason; and Harry Bridges.

While we in the ILA understand that it is impossible for many of us to travel to Liverpool for next Thursday's service at Springwood Crematorium, we will join with Brother Mike's family in prayer and spirit, recalling a life well-lived. We can honor his memory best by continuing his exemplary dedication to trade unionism, international solidarity and protecting those members we represent.

Brother Xavier Bellido

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In closing I offer the wonderful Irish Blessing to Mike Carden, "May the Road Rise to Meet You. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Fraternally and respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold J. Daggett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Harold J. Daggett

President

cc: Dennis A. Daggett
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