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Resolution # R-28

OPPOSITION TO THE KOCH BROTHERS WAR ON ORGANIZED LABOR

WHEREAS: David and Charles Koch of Koch Industries annual revenues are an estimated hundred billion dollars. In 2011 Forbes called it the second largest privately held corporation in the US after Cargill; and

WHEREAS: from 1999 to 2003 Koch Industries was assessed more than 400 million in fines, penalties, and judgments; and

WHEREAS: the Koch brothers single handedly developed a blueprint for waging class warfare by pushing through the Citizens United Decision in the Supreme Court which allows corporations to give unlimited campaign contributions; and

WHEREAS: the Koch Brothers have spent more than fifty million dollars since 2006 lobbying in Washington D.C. against education, free market financial regulatory reform, environmental standards, and is a major contributor to the tea party; and

WHEREAS: Koch brothers own Georgia-Pacific Warehouse in Portland where the IBU represents the workers and in 2011 we were in negotiations with GP where they tried to slash our healthcare benefits, pension, and other long faught contributions which resulted in members walking off the job to fight for a stronger contract; and

WHEREAS: the members were able to beat back some of these contract proposals;
THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: that the ILWU fight against Citizen's United and other anti-union legislation proposed by the Koch brothers; and BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED: that the ILWU support our GP contract campaign coming up in 2014