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KENNEDY, KERRY SUPPORT ENTERPRISE WORKERS' RIGHT TO UNIONIZE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, Senators Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry sent the following letter of support for Enterprise Rent-A-Car employees who were fired when attempting to unionize.

Senator Kennedy said, "Working people of Massachusetts deserve the right to unionize free from fear and intimidation. I call on Enterprise to do the right thing – rehire their workers and recognize the union."

Senator Kerry said, "I support today's rally and will continue to fight to improve working conditions for all Americans. It's outrageous that Enterprise fired dedicated employees simply because they want to organize. We shouldn't and we won't allow union busting in our state."

The letter is below.

Richard Rogers
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Dear Rich, Members of IUE-CWA Local 201, and Supporters:

We wish we could be with you in person today to join your call for justice for the workers at Enterprise Rent-a-Car. We strongly support your efforts to represent workers at Enterprise's South Boston airport site, and we're concerned about the company's strong-arm tactics to defeat your campaign.

It's an outrage that workers who try to form a union can be faced with mass firing. You have the right to ask Enterprise to recognize your union, and to be treated with dignity and respect in the workplace. We've always stood with working Americans throughout our years in the Senate, and we're proud to stand with you today.

Last month, we fought in the Senate for the Employee Free Choice Act to allow workers like you to use majority sign-up to choose a union. Every worker in America deserves the right to join a union, free from employer retaliation. We're with you in this battle, and we send our best wishes for your success.

Yours in solidarity,

Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry