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Dear Friend,

You will have seen and read about the magnificent uprising of workers in Kazakhstan. Unfortunately, that movement seems to have come to a halt for the moment. According to information from contacts in Kazakhstan, it looks as if hundreds of workers have been killed or injured. The state forces are harassing family members of those involved in the uprising; they are arresting and imprisoning activists. The movement in Kazakhstan desperately needs help from the international workers' movement.

How can you help?

1. Messages of support are important to those on the ground in Kazakhstan. A simple message of solidarity can be passed on via Campaign Kazakhstan
2. Protests to the Kazakhstan Ambassador (see attached "model" letter) We know from past campaigns that a simple protest letter can have a big effect and a large number of protests will make the Kazakhstan authorities think carefully about how they proceed.
3. Financial assistance is urgently required to pay for legal fees to defend those arrested. Money is also needed to provide some social support for families who have lost a bread winner and those who need medical aid. Please send donations to **Campaign Kazakhstan Sort code 306539 Account 11956468**

We hope that your Trade Union branch or Trades Council can support this vital appeal. For more information please look at the Campaign Kazakhstan website. If your organisation needs a speaker then please contact Mike on 07528 780098 or hta1@hta1.karoo.co.uk.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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