

**RESOLUTION 012102**

**Urging the LTV Corporation and the United Steelworkers to seek every opportunity to reach an equitable labor agreement which is important to the overall employment outlook, economic vitality and potential of Cuyahoga County, the State of Ohio and the United States steel industry itself.**

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WHEREAS, LTV Steel and its predecessor companies have been a vital part of the economic landscape of Greater Cleveland and the State of Ohio for generations, and the continuing strength and prosperity of our local communities are inextricably tied to the success of the company; and

WHEREAS, LTV employs 5,200 Cuyahoga County residents and 6,000 Ohioans, with the company's estimated total impact on Ohio's gross state product being more than \$2.0 billion; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 12,970 additional Cuyahoga County jobs and 27,020 additional jobs statewide are dependent on LTV operations and employees and generate more than \$1.1 billion in wages; and

WHEREAS, more than 34,000 employees, retirees, and dependents across Northeast Ohio rely on LTV for more than \$72 million in annual medical benefits; and

WHEREAS, the company is now in jeopardy of shutting down its operations forever; and

WHEREAS, along with the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners, representatives from labor, business and government at all levels have united to support LTV Steel and recognize the importance of the company to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners hereby urges LTV Steel Corporation and the United Steelworkers to seek every opportunity to reach an equitable labor agreement that will allow LTV to operate as a profitable company and at the same time, acknowledge and fairly compensate workers for their role and contribution in the company's advances and financial successes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners recognizes existing union contracts and retiree benefits and considers LTV Corporation's request to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to allow them to cancel its union contracts and change retiree benefits a grievous error that dangerously jeopardizes the ability of the parties to reach an equitable agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all offers by the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners to the LTV Corporation for support and financial assistance are contingent upon an equitable and mutually beneficial settlement between LTV and the United Steelworkers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners requests the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office to review all legal options to assure full collective bargaining rights for the two parties. The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor is hereby authorized to file an amicus curiae brief if the interests of Cuyahoga County are demonstrated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit one copy of this resolution to the offices of U.S. Senators Michael DeWine and George Voinovich, U.S. Representatives Sherrod Brown, Dennis Kucinich, Steven LaTourette, Michael G. Oxley, Ralph Regula, Thomas C. Sawyer, Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Governor Robert Taft, each of the members of the Cuyahoga County delegation in the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives, and Cuyahoga County Prosecutor William D. Mason.

On Motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Campbell, McCormack, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Marjorie J. Pettus  
Clerk of the Board

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