

United University Professions Must Demand an End to ICE Terror, U.S.-led War, and Genocide

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UUP Chapter: Cortland

Action: Forward to UUP Statewide for consideration at the Spring 2026 DA, upon passage by the chapter EB.

WHEREAS, U.S.-led violence and war has been escalating, through racist corporate media narratives, violent military attacks abroad, and ICE terror at home; and

WHEREAS, ICE has killed dozens of people in the past year, kidnapped thousands, and driven entire working-class communities into hiding and constant fear; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, the U.S. and Israel launched a war on Iran, bombing the country's capital in Tehran and other locations, and killing hundreds of people; and

WHEREAS, this initial wave of attacks included strikes on two schools, killing hundreds, including at least 165 children at a girls' elementary school in Minab, Iran; and

WHEREAS, the war on Iran is part of the U.S.-Israeli quest for domination across West Asia, and cannot be separated from the U.S.-Israeli genocidal war on Palestine, which is catastrophic and ongoing; and

WHEREAS, that genocidal war includes the Trump administration's so-called "Board of Peace," a joint, U.S.-Israeli plan to place Gaza under imperialist rule; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, the U.S. bombed the capital of Venezuela, kidnapped their leader, and seized control of their government; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has leveraged its control of Venezuela alongside threats of crippling economic sanctions to cut off Cuba's oil supply in an attempt to topple its government; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. manufactured oil scarcity in Cuba is leading to a major humanitarian crisis for the revolution, which struggles to prevent the collapse of the country's energy-dependent healthcare systems, food systems, and public services; and

WHEREAS, workers in the U.S. don't support these violent acts but are forced to subsidize them through their tax dollars and retirement funds, and are pressured to sacrifice their own lives or those of their children to fighting them; and

WHEREAS, while 60% of US workers live paycheck to paycheck, US foreign policy serves the interests of the billionaire class at the expense of the global majority; and

WHEREAS, the interests of US workers would be far better served by a government that met our basic needs for affordable healthcare, housing, groceries, and education, rather than waging war on workers here

and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that our union denounces ICE's attacks on immigrant communities across the U.S., and publicly advocates for the New York for All Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union condemns the U.S.-Israeli genocide of Palestinians, and demands the New York State Common Retirement Fund cease all future investments in Israel Bonds, and let all existing investments in Israel lapse at their expiration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union calls for an immediate end to all U.S. military violence and economic intervention in Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union will mobilize members to call on their locally and federally elected leaders to reject ICE terror and U.S. imperialism around the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union will provide members with information on local events happening in solidarity with immigrant communities, Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, and Palestine, and will encourage their attendance as proud union members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union recognizes the urgency of exploring the available legal options to contribute to the growth and success of the general-strike movement, and encourages chapters to discuss the general strike as the most powerful tactic the working class can use to defy a corrupt and criminal government; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at this critical moment in human history, the UUP Cortland Chapter calls on UUP statewide leadership, the AFL-CIO, and all relevant labor bodies to demand an end to U.S.-led war and to direct union resources and organizing capacity toward encouraging worker action against the war machine, including against ICE inside the U.S.