



To: Martin Burkert
EVG Chair

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Dear Martin,
Dear Colleagues,

ETF Solidarity with EVG in the face of DB Cargo dismantlement

On behalf of the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), we extend our solidarity to all colleagues at EVG in your steadfast resistance against the dismantlement of DB Cargo.

We salute your decision to protest the disastrous decisions of the DB Cargo leadership and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you in this crucial battle to defend both workers' rights and the future of green transport in Europe.

The potential loss of 1500 jobs and the subsequent imposition of inferior working conditions by DB Cargo's subsidiaries is a stark reminder of the relentless assault on workers' livelihoods and a lack of vision for the future of rail freight transport in Europe. The fact this decision is taken while the railway sector is already struggling to attract sufficient staff makes this approach even more irresponsible.

With DB Cargo being the largest rail freight operator in Europe and one of the only companies still offering single-wagon-load services, the impending dismantlement also threatens to undermine the very foundations of sustainable freight transportation on this continent. Its effect will be felt not only in Germany but across Europe. In this same context, our colleagues in France are facing a similar battle against the dismantlement of SNCF Fret, Europe's third-largest rail freight operator.

We also strongly condemn DB's decision to disregard the voices of workers' representatives in the formulation of this 'transformation'. We stand united in condemning such blatant disregard for the fundamental rights of workers and the principles of social dialogue.



We have brought these injustices to the attention of the European Commission and members of the European Parliament and together we will continue to do so until there is a comprehensive plan for the future of rail transport in Europe that respects both workers and the environment. We stand firmly by your side, ready to lend our unwavering support in whichever form you deem necessary.

In solidarity,



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ETF General Secretary



Stephen Cotton
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ETF Railway Section Chair



David Gobe
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