

October 31, 2005

Alaaddin Dincer, President  
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Dear President Dincer:

I am writing on behalf of the 1.3 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, to congratulate Egitim Sen on the announcement that your union will not be shut down. Your victory in the Second Labor Court is an important victory not only for teachers in Turkey, but also for all of us in the labor movement.

As you know, we have been in touch with representatives of both the Turkish and American governments regarding the threats you and your members have faced during this bitter struggle with the Attorney General of Ankara. You have our appreciation for leading this important fight.

Please let your members know how pleased we are to learn of your victory.

In Solidarity,



Edward J. McElroy  
President

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