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Saw Dot Lay Mu  
General Secretary  
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Dear Saw Dot Lay Mu:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, I want you and your members to know how shocked and saddened we were to learn of the tragic death of Saw Thoo Di, a KAWU union organizer. This unconscionable murder by the forces of the SPDC is one more demonstration of the harsh brutality of the current regime in Burma, a brutality that we have learned about through our work with members of your union.

Saw Thoo Di worked to build a strong union to protect the rights of workers and to secure a free and democratic Burma. The AFT will continue to stand with our brothers and sisters in Burma to achieve those goals.

We know that there are no words that can lessen the sorrow of Saw Thoo Di's family and colleagues. Please accept our sincere condolences and our commitment to continue the work for which Saw Thoo Di gave his life.

In solidarity,

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