

FAQS GERMAN PETITION ABOUT T-MOBILE



What is this petition about?

We are asking the German parliament to investigate union busting at T-Mobile. T-Mobile is partially owned by a German company called Deutsche Telekom, which in turn is partially owned by the German government. The German government has a responsibility to ensure that the companies it owns respect labor law.

What's wrong with T-Mobile?

Workers at T-Mobile who are fighting for a union are faced with intimidation, discipline and even termination.

The National Labor Relations Board just found the company guilty of violating labor law in 11 counts. T-Mobile systematically prevented workers from communicating with each other rendering union organizing impossible. T-Mobile has been a serial violator of workers' rights and the law-breaking continues. On the heels of the decision, the company is facing additional hearings for unfair labor practices and more charges are pending.

Worker at Deutsche Telekom, T-Mobile's German parent company, have a union and a contract and are treated with fairness and respect. American workers shouldn't be treated like second class citizens!

T-Mobile workers are organizing in TU, supported by CWA and ver.di, the German union that represent workers at Deutsche Telekom. More than 20,000 ver.di members already signed the petition, urging the government to treat American workers with respect.

What can we achieve with this petition?

Under German law, if more than 50,000 signatures are collected, a public hearing with the government is triggered. We already collected 20,000 signatures, so we need 30,000 more to get a hearing. Every signature counts!

A public hearing will force the government to respond to our claims and it gives us leverage to push for an investigation into labor right abuses at T-Mobile. A public hearing will also raise attention about this issue with the German public and will help us create pressure on the company to do the right thing.

**Petitions need to be sent to
Louise Novotny, 501 3rd Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
no later than August 5, 2015.**