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### **The Union movement of the Americas mourns the death of Richard Trumka**

The Trade Union Confederation of Workers of the Americas (CSA-TUCA), which represents more than 55 million workers in the continent, expresses its solidarity with the US labor movement due to the death of its great leader Richard Trumka this Thursday (05/08). The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) says goodbye to its president after he suffered a heart attack at the age of 72.

A third-generation miner, Trumka graduated in Science and Law at the beginning of the 70's and later joined the Union of Miners where he served as a lawyer, was member of the Board of Directors and finally president, a position in which he stood out as a symbol of resistance against staff cuts and from where he won a Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award in 1990. From the moment he joined as treasury to his election as President of the AFL-CIO, Trumka was an unstoppable defender of the rights of all workers and a great representative of the voice of the union movement of the continent.

The CSA-TUCA expresses its condolences for the departure of comrade Trumka, union leader and defender of rights of the working class with whom we have always maintained a fraternal relationship. We send our solidarity to the AFL-CIO, to his comrades and family members.

Fraternally,

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