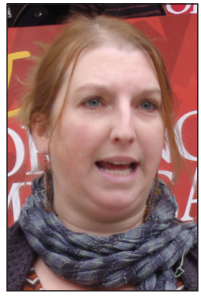
How to fire a union activist

On Oct. 12, 2011, workers at a Portland call center voted 19 to 5 to join Communications Workers of America Local 7901. Twenty-two months later, they still have no union contract, and over a dozen outspoken union supporters have been fired since the union campaign began. Their employer is the Boston-based non-profit Fund for the Public Interest, fundraising arm for the national PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) network.

Wael Elasady
fired for missing a shift

Kris Humbird
fired for calling in sick too late

Mike Schultz
fired for failing to make quota two weeks in a row



Cortina Robinson
fired for missing quota two weeks in a row, after 9 years of calling

Ben Woodhouse
fired for saying goodbye in a disrespectful way to a member

David Neel
fired for failing to stick to a script and "triple confirm" a pledge

Alixandre Long
fired for failing to make quota two weeks in a row

John Ingram
fired for failing to make quota two weeks in a row

James Dixon
fired for failing to make quota two weeks in a row

Hilari Grace Price
fired for saying something rude *after* getting off the phone with an abusive member