

# *Striking Verizon Workers Hold Protest Rally in U.S. Capital*

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Washington, May 20 (RHC)-- More than 1,000 striking employees of the Verizon telecommunications company have held a protest march in Washington DC against the US company's new employment plan.

Protesters then rallied outside of Verizon's office in the capital city on Thursday. The walkout is part of a six week action, with the strikers demanding the company pay 'reasonable' wages and cover healthcare expenses.

The demonstration was supported by many other unions as well as politicians. Unions have criticized Verizon's decision to outsource jobs by moving positions to the Philippines, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Some 40,000 Verizon staff members walked off their jobs countrywide on April 13th in what is considered as the largest strike in the U.S. in many years.

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