



REGION 2B UPDATE

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since the last update, when we were days away from a possible strike, now we are weeks into a strike against the Big 3. This is a historical strike; the strategy is different than anything done in the past. It is intentional, with a lot of thought and input from many. I know some members were concerned about this approach and wanted to “walk them all out”, but that would have hurt more of our members and units.

I am a GM guy, so my passion for today's fight stems from personal experience. Living through the concessions, watching members lose their house, spouse, commit suicide, and move across the country due to corporate greed, all while at GM we are still waiting to be made whole four years later, has made me jaded. We want justice for our members. The goal in reaching great contracts is to raise all ships in the harbor. Recognize that the UAW represents more non-Big 3 members today, than Big 3 members. We must do everything possible to protect every single member of the UAW, they are our families that brew beer, deal cards, build tanks, make parts, take care of patients, protect, and serve, represent, educate, and much more. Our fight is for all members across all sectors.

As of today, UAW Region 2B has three Locals out on strike against the Big 3:

- Local 12 – Jeep assembly, in Toledo, Ohio
- Local 674 – GM CCA parts distribution in West Chester, Ohio
- Local 573 – Stellantis parts distribution in Streetsboro, Ohio

Local 12 has the most members out with multiple units. We also have members laid off and others that have been put on strike. Some are collecting strike pay and others are collecting unemployment. Myself, along with the entire IUAW Executive Board want to make sure our members have some income during this fight. We have impacted members in Region 2B working at Local 12 with Adient Seating, Bohl Equipment, Clean Harbor, Dana Driveline, Jeep, KUKA, Mayco IP's, Mobis, Oakley Sub, Piston Auto, SBM, Syncreon Sequencing, and Thyssen Krupp.

Other Locals and Units include Local 14-GM Powertrain, Local 211- Teijin Auto-Van Wert, Local 402-Navistar and Springfield Assembly, Local 685-Stellantis-Kokomo, Local 1166-Stellantis Castings, Local 1435-Stellantis PHEV Dept, Local 1803-Teijin Auto, Local 1889-Teijin Auto, and Local 2021-Grammer Tiffin Interior Plastics. These are all members in our region. There will be more members impacted next week as the situation is fluid. Please be patient and stay strong in solidarity!

President Fains announcement today was clear, the companies that do not want to bargain in the best interest of our members will have more members Stand Up! Local 551-Ford Chicago Assembly, and Local 602-GM's Lansing Delta, have all been called to Stand Up for all of us. Make no mistake, we are committed to getting the membership historic contracts. These are tough times, but they won't last, our solidarity will.

We have set up a Hardship Support Fund that is on the UAW Region 2B website. These funds will be available to assist any members laid off or on strike that are Standing Up for the rest of us. I can't thank those of you who are making the sacrifices for all of us today to help build a better tomorrow! I want to also thank all the local unions and members, business owners, politicians, families and neighbors, and everyone else that has shown support for our Big 3 members that are fighting right now for the entire working class!

We also have many other members and work that is unrelated to the strikes happening now. Congratulations for reaching new agreements to our Region 2B family at:

- Local 2308, Molson Coors Beverage. Great job to the Local 2308 leadership and servicing rep Tim Meadors.
- Local 2262, BWTX. Great job to the Local 2262 leadership and servicing rep Pat Spayde.
- Local 70, Current Chemical. Great job to the Local 70 leadership and servicing rep Pat Spayde.
- Local 12, Thyssen Krupp. Great job to the Local 12 leadership and servicing rep Walt Schwiefert, they were also able to expand their membership!
- Local 91, Ohio Crankshaft. Great job to the Local 91 leadership and servicing rep Chris Freeman.
- Local 2192, Oberlin College. Great job to the Local 2192 leadership and servicing rep Chris Freeman.

Our Region will be having our Leadership and Advisory Council meetings October 16-18 in Indianapolis. It is important for our active members and local leaders to register and attend this important meeting. There are still openings, and we want to see a full house.

Our Region 2B Online Academy is alive and well. I hope our members take advantage of this free online opportunity. Knowledge is power and an educated membership will help us grow stronger.

I hope these updates are helping to keep you all informed. Things happen fast and often; please know I can't update everything that happens, just know that the entire Region 2B staff is working very hard everyday to service the membership. We work for you!

In solidarity and God bless,



Dave Green
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