



# REGION 2B UPDATE

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you all know, we work in a very large region, and there is always something going on. Aside from a lot of Christmas parties coming up, it's important to note that contracts are being made! Here is just some of the activity happening around contracts in Region 2B right now:

- Local 933 - Allison Transmission turned down a tentative agreement. The President's Office has sent support down, and the local bargaining committee and Region 2B Rep. Chris McTaggart are working on this.
- Local 12 unit at Chartwell's reached a tentative agreement; great job to the local bargaining committee and Region 2B Rep. Denise Barber for working on this.
- Local 2335 Lear unit in Hammond, Indiana, recently ratified their contract. Great job to the local bargaining committee and Region 2B Rep. Joe Taylor.
- Ratified agreements have also been reached at the Big 3.
- Local 12 unit at MOBIS passed their agreement after a 21-hour strike. Great job to the local bargaining team and Region 2B Rep. Walt Schwiefert.
- Local 12 Toth unit voted down a tentative agreement, and the local bargaining committee and Region 2B Rep. Tricia Geiger are working on this.
- Local 2391 at Auria voted down a tentative agreement, and the local bargaining committee and Region 2B Rep. Dan McGrath are working on this.
- Local 1112 - The bargaining committee and Region 2B Rep. Steve Frammartino are working on an agreement with Ultium. It's been a long year for them, but they have done an amazing job. At this time last year, those workers were making \$16.50 an hour, but after voting to join the UAW, they are now making over \$10 an hour more, with many other benefits.

The goal is always to secure great contracts for our members. For those who don't know, your locally elected bargaining committee are the ones fighting for you every day - on the floor and at the table. Our union is member-based, with workers from the floor running for office and being elected to serve the local members. The union is not a third-party organization, but rather the workers themselves. When organized and unified, we will win every single time. None of these jobs are easy, but they can be rewarding. When we can change lives and hold companies accountable, it sure is a good feeling.

When we stand together, we win. I have seen a huge transformation and more solidarity in the UAW in the last year than ever before. President Fain, along with the entire Executive Board, have made tremendous changes that are benefiting our members. We had high expectations with the Big 3 and achieved more in one contract than the last four combined! We didn't get everything our members wanted or deserved, but we did get more than most expected. We have laid a path to continue to build better contracts one by one.

But we are not going to stop there! We are also focusing on organizing like never before. The national organizing department has launched a campaign to oversee 13 auto manufacturing facilities. Here in our region, we are focusing on coordinating four separate organizing drives. We believe that a strong union can provide a voice for workers in their workplace, and we call on our members to support this effort. Numbers are the key to worker's power, and by growing our numbers, we increase our bargaining power at the table. Let's organize with strength and solidarity!

Finally, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season, no matter how you celebrate. Please take some time and enjoy your families. 2024 is going to be a very busy year, and we will hopefully have a bigger UAW family. That means giving more workers a voice in their workplace and helping more families earn a living wage through better contracts! For me personally, today is a special day, as it marks one year since I started this job. I want to thank you all! I cannot overstate what an honor and privilege it is to serve. It was the membership that gave me this opportunity. It was God that put me where I needed to be, and I promise to work every single day to make our membership stronger. This is your union; we are here to support your needs. I will never forget where I came from or the fact that I work for you, the membership.

In solidarity,



Dave Green  
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