

September 13, 2023

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned organizations are concerned by the growing possibility of a strike by the United Auto Workers (UAW) in their negotiations for a new labor contract with General Motors, Stellantis, and Ford Motor Company (Detroit Three). A UAW strike would impose significant hardship on American families and the economy so we, therefore, urge you and your Administration to provide the support necessary to help the parties reach a new agreement by the September 14 deadline.

The Detroit Three are critical to our economy. They produced 4.8 million vehicles in the U.S. in 2022, alongside 3.5 million engines, and 5.6 million transmissions.¹ A 2020 report² shows that the Detroit Three are supported by 238,000 employees at 260 assembly plants, manufacturing facilities, research labs, distribution centers, and other facilities across 31 states. They work with nearly 9,700 dealerships, which employ nearly 660,000 U.S. workers. Additionally, every vehicle that rolls off the assembly line of a Detroit Three automaker contains anywhere from 8,000 to 12,000 different components manufactured by over 5,600 U.S. suppliers. Over 690,000 supplier jobs are estimated to be tied to the Detroit Three, which accounts for anywhere from 20% to 70% of their business. This means a strike will quickly impact large segments of the economy, leading to layoffs and potentially even bankruptcies of U.S. businesses. While UAW's 40-day strike on General Motors in 2019 forced suppliers to temporarily lay off approximately 75,000 workers, every indication is that a strike today would be significantly more severe for many businesses. Indeed, one analysis estimates a 10-day UAW strike could result in economic losses of more than \$5 billion.³

No one should want a strike. The Administration has already employed its formal and informal convening power in the past year to help parties reach agreements in the freight railroad, West Coast port terminal, and UPS-Teamster contract negotiations. We urge you to lend similar help here and work with the parties to help reach an agreement by September 14.

Sincerely,

¹ IHIS Markit data 2022

² www.americanautomakers.org/sites/default/files/AAPC%20ECR%20Q3%202020.pdf

³ <https://www.andersoneconomicgroup.com/10-day-uaw-strike-against-big-three-could-cause-economic-losses-exceeding-5-billion/>

National

American Composite Manufacturers
Association
American Foundry Society
Armenian American Chamber of Commerce
Auto Care Association
Business Roundtable
MEMA, The Vehicle Suppliers Association
National Association of Manufacturers
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Alabama

Automotive Aftermarket Association
Southeast
Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of
Commerce
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce
Selma and Dallas County Chamber of
Commerce and Tourism Information
SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of
Commerce

Arizona

Apache Junction Area Chamber of
Commerce
Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
Chandler Chamber of Commerce
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
Greater Phoenix Chamber
Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of
Commerce
Peoria Chamber of Commerce
Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Tucson Metro Chamber

Arkansas

Little Rock Regional Chamber

California

Antelope Valley Chamber of Commerce
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
Dana Point Chamber of Commerce
Danville Area Chamber of Commerce
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Modesto Chamber of Commerce
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce
Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of
Commerce
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of
Commerce
Redding Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of
Commerce
San Jose Chamber of Commerce
Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Vista Chamber of Commerce
West Ventura County Business Alliance

Florida

Stuart/Martin County Chamber of
Commerce

Georgia

Dade County Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Greater Pooler Area Chamber of Commerce
Habersham County Chamber of Commerce
Murray County Chamber of Commerce
Newton Chamber of Commerce

Taylor County Chamber of Commerce

Idaho

Boise Metro Chamber
Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce

Illinois

Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
Cook County Black Chamber
Dixon Chamber of Commerce & Main
Street
GLMV Chamber of Commerce
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
Grundy County Chamber of Commerce &
Industry
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce
Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce
RiverBend Growth Association
Streator Chamber of Commerce

Indiana

Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce
LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce
South Bend Regional Chamber
Tipton County Chamber of Commerce
Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce

Iowa

Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

Kentucky

Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Union County Chamber of Commerce

Louisiana

Central LA Regional Chamber of
Commerce

Maryland

Talbot County Chamber of Commerce

Massachusetts

Metro South Chamber of Commerce

Michigan

Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce
Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce
Clare Area Chamber of Commerce
Detroit Regional Chamber
Flint & Genesee Chamber
Grand Rapids Chamber
Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce
Lansing Regional Chamber
Macomb County Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan West Coast Chamber of
Commerce
Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota

Delano Area Chamber of Commerce
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce
Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce
White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce

Mississippi

Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of
Commerce

Montana

Montana Chamber of Commerce

Nebraska

Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce
Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce
Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Nevada

Carson City Chamber of Commerce
Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce
Vegas Chamber of Commerce

New Hampshire

Business & Industry Association (BIA) of
NH

New Jersey

African American Chamber of Commerce of
New Jersey
GWACC Chamber of Commerce
NJ State Chamber of Commerce

New York

Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Business Council of NYS, Inc.

North Carolina

Caldwell Chamber
Moore County Chamber of Commerce
NC Chamber

North Dakota

Chamber Grand Forks / East Grand Forks
Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC

Ohio

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Springfield Partnership
Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce
Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce
Marion Area Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce

Oklahoma

Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Tulsa Regional Chamber

Oregon

Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce
North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce
Oregon Business & Industry

Pennsylvania

Alle Kiski Strong Chamber
Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre
County
Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Regional
Chamber of Commerce
Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce
Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and
Industry
Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of
Commerce
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce

Rhode Island

East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce

South Carolina

South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

South Dakota

Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce
Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce

Tennessee

Kingsport Chamber
Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce
White House Area Chamber of Commerce

Texas

East Parker County Chamber of Commerce
Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce
Longview Chamber of Commerce
Sherman Chamber of Commerce

Virginia

Blackstone Chamber of Commerce
Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce
Hampton Roads Chamber
Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce
Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance

Washington

Burlington Chamber of Commerce
Greater Lake Stevens Chamber of
Commerce
Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce
Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce
Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce

West Virginia

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Wyoming

Campbell County Chamber of Commerce