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**To:    Region 2-B, UAW Local Union Presidents, Chairpersons, CAP Chairpersons and Retired Workers Chairpersons**

Greetings:

The UAW and Region 2-B have a long history of support of the March of Dimes, and I am proud to continue this tradition as the March for Babies Labor Industry Chair for the Ohio and Indiana markets. Last year, our membership mounted an exceptionally strong effort for the spring fundraiser, donating a total of \$202,076! Nationally, the UAW raised \$668,059, and our Region raised 30% of this total. Congratulations to you on this tremendous achievement!

Your continued support and commitment allows the March of Dimes to lead the fight for the health of moms and their babies. Prematurity continues to be the number 1 killer of infants in this country. As a matter of fact, the United States has one of the worst rates of infant death among all industrialized nations. No one is working harder than the March of Dimes to find the causes of premature birth, and your generosity allows them to fund the research, educational efforts, and community health programs that help ensure all babies get the best chance at a healthy start in life.

As Labor Industry Chair for the 2018 March for Babies campaign, I ask that you once again support your local March for Babies event. We march to **remember** all the babies who are lost too soon and we march to **celebrate** our little heroes who survive. With all of us working and marching together, we can achieve our 2018 goal of \$225,000.

To get started, contact your local March of Dimes office. For Ohio, contact **Paige Reyes at 567-298-4820** or email at [Preyes@marchofdimes.org](mailto:Preyes@marchofdimes.org). For Indiana, contact **Jeff Johnson at 317-285-0201** or email at [JDJohnson@marchofdimes.org](mailto:JDJohnson@marchofdimes.org).

It is you, our members, and our teamwork that make us successful in this annual campaign. Once again, thank you for all your efforts last year **and let's continue our march for a healthier tomorrow in 2018!**

In solidarity,

Rich Rankin, Director  
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