



REGION 2B UPDATE

THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

UAW Family,

Last night, I visited members of UAW Local 128 in Troy, OH after they were unnecessarily locked out of their worksite by their employer, Collins Aerospace. After receiving a last, best, and final offer on February 16th, UAW members voted overwhelmingly Saturday 230 to 37 against the company's offer.

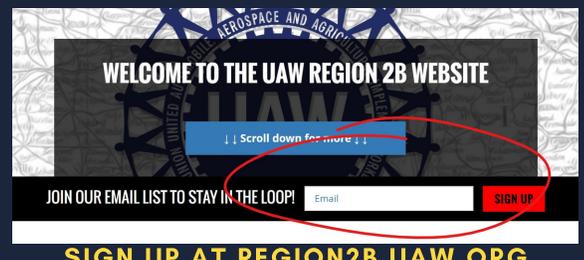


Throughout all of this, members of Local 128 and their leadership have been clear about their desire to remain working while also continuing to bargain with the company. However, citing "corporate policy", Collins Aerospace refused to allow our members to continue to work without a contract and locked them out. At this point in time, Collins Aerospace has yet to communicate to these employees any reason why they have been locked out or what they need to do in order to be allowed to come back to work.

It is our intention to return to the bargaining table with Collins Aerospace as quickly as possible, but in the meantime, our members remain out on the street with no explanation from their employer. It is times like these when the need for solidarity is at it's greatest. Many of you have reached out already, asking how you can help. You cannot know how much this means to me and what it will mean to the members of Local 128.

In times like these, being there for our UAW family in any way that you can is what will help these members make it through what may be some very challenging days. If you can show up to walk with them, send supplies, or just send some words of encouragement, I know that they will be deeply appreciated. If you would like to contact Local 128 with questions about how you can help, you can reach them at (937) 335-6918.

In solidarity,
Wayne Blanchard
Director, UAW Region 2B



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