

Join the Auto Worker Caravan to Washington, D.C. Send-off Rally in Detroit - Sunday, December 7

Who we are:

We're an ad hoc group of concerned auto workers and supporters from Big Three plants and suppliers across the United States.

What we think:

The UAW has agreed to to give more concessions back to the Big Three, even though weakening auto workers' benefits and contracts will not save the auto industry. Auto workers have already made billions of dollars' worth of concessions in recent contracts. We need real reforms not a plan to take more out of the wallets of auto workers.

Auto workers are taking the fall for management's poor decisions. Our wages and benefits make up less than 10 percent of the cost of a car—while the companies spend frivolously. U.S. auto workers at foreign-owned auto companies don't receive defined pension benefits, nor do the vast majority of American workers. We need to preserve the benefits fought for by the UAW, and secure these benefits for all workers.

Send-off the caravan on Sunday, December 7

Auto workers and their supporters will rally before the rank and file go to D.C. Join us at the Metropolitan Center for High Technology parking lot at the corner of Temple and Third (2727 Second Ave.) from 2 pm to 4 pm.

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DC Meeting Location-Monday December 8

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Lutheran Church of the Reformation
212 East Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20003
(between 2nd and 3rd)

Contact: Mark, 413-896-4726 (onsite)
Street parking is available.

Auto workers from the Midwest will be in D.C. on Monday, December 8 to say the Big Three bailout shouldn't be made on our backs.

Executives from the Big Three, dealerships, and auto suppliers have made their voice heard in the Capitol. Now it's our turn.

Auto workers will tour D.C. to speak with media and members of Congress about their ideas for a stronger auto industry.

If you can't make it to Washington, come to a rank-and-file rally and send-off in Detroit this Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm.



For more information go to www.autoworkercaravan.org

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What We Need To Tell Washington!

As auto workers, we are not just thinking of ourselves. Congress needs a comprehensive plan not just for the auto corporations and not just for auto workers, but a new national industrial policy that supports and expands the middle class and addresses the economic and environmental crisis that the entire nation faces. We see this crisis as an opportunity to lay the foundation for a decent life for the next generation of all Americans.

- **Save Auto Workers' Jobs and Communities.** The U.S. Congress and the incoming Obama administration should commit themselves to save auto workers' jobs and communities. The auto industry still stands at the center of the American economy, directly employing over two million people and indirectly affecting the lives of millions more.
- **Transform the Auto Industry.** Congress needs to establish a new national industrial policy that will transform the auto and other industries. We need to expand our efforts to produce fuel-efficient automobiles and electric cars, green energy technologies such as wind turbines, and mass transportation such as light rail and high-speed trains.
- **No Investment without Representation.** It's our money, so we want accountability. The U.S. government or other levels of government should have a say, providing public control when either financial assistance or tax abatement is provided to corporations. Just as we say "No taxation without representation," so we should say, "No investment without representation."
- **Strengthen the Union to Help the Recovery.** Unions and union contracts protect wages and benefits and work against the deflationary crisis which confronts us. Unions and their membership should be protected. Every study by the U.S. Labor Department and by academic researchers over the last several decades shows that unions raise wages and that higher wages have contributed to a robust economy.
- **Employee Free Choice Act (Card Check)** should be extended to any plant, subsidiary or subcontractor which benefits from federal or other government assistance. Employee Free Choice would make it possible for non-union workers to join unions, to negotiate contracts, and to fight for higher wages to put money back in circulation.
- **A National Single-Payer Health System.** When pressed, the Big Three concede that a national health plan would bolster their bottom line, as it does now in Canada. GM alone provides health coverage to a million people—workers, retirees and families. The rescue of the auto industry should be linked to the creation of a national single-payer health system like the "Medicare for All" proposal in HR 676, sponsored by Rep. John Conyers.

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