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**To: Region 8 Local Union Presidents
Region 8 CAP Council Chairs
Region 8 Retired Workers Chapter Chairs
Region 8 International Council Chairs**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This letter is to request your assistance for our brothers and sisters at UAW Local 1872 in York, Pennsylvania as they have been on strike against Johnson Controls Inc. Test Lab since September 28.

I come to you as the leadership of our regional local unions, retired workers chapters/councils, and state CAP councils to ask for support in the form of donations to assist our members that are in their fifth week of a strike. Additional funds for our members help alleviate hardship and ease suffering. It can also give them the courage and confidence to keep fighting and win the strike! All monetary donations, such as gate collections, membership approved local union donations and personal member donations should be forwarded to the attention of Shannon Patrick at:

**UAW Region 8
151 Maddox Simpson Parkway
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Please make checks payable to: **UAW Region 8** and note on check memo "Local 1872 Strike Relief". Per the UAW Administrative Letter, Volume No. 36, Letter No. 4, all collected monetary donations will be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer's Office and set aside in a special fund for our striking members.

Not only has Covid-19 greatly impacted our nation and our economy, but the Covid-19 CDC Guidelines make travel and in person support more difficult, but if you are able to make non-monetary donations, they should be directed to the attention of:

Michael Tawney, President
UAW Local 1872
3562 Gillespie Drive
York, PA 17404
717-792-9728

Any form of support for our striking brothers and sisters is greatly appreciated.

To quote Walter Reuther, *"There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow man. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."*

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Smith". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mitchell Smith, Director
UAW Region 8

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TO ALL LOCAL UNIONS:

GREETINGS:

The International Executive Board was recently asked to review whether or not it should allow its Regions to solicit its Local Unions to raise funds to supplement the amount of money UAW members receive from our Strike Assistance Program.

After due consideration and debate the International Executive Board determined it would be a serious error to prohibit our Regions from raising funds to assist striking members. These additional funds alleviate hardship and ease the suffering incurred by our members and their families and may have meant the difference between us winning or losing a strike.

Contributions for this purpose are made in the highest tradition of Solidarity. Therefore, to assure that the collection and disbursement of such funds are consistent with our heritage of honest trade unionism and the Ethical Practices Codes the following guidelines regarding this matter must be adhered to:

- Funds collected must be receipted pursuant to standard UAW accounting rules and procedures and forwarded to the International Secretary-Treasurer.
- Neither the Regional Office nor Local Unions will open a special bank account for such funds.
- The International Secretary-Treasurer will deposit such funds in the treasury of the International Union.

Such supplemental strike funds will then be disbursed by the International Secretary-Treasurer in the manner requested by the respective Regional Director to meet the needs of the strike. These funds will not be used for any other purpose.

This Administrative Letter supplements Administrative Letter Volume 4, Letter Number 15 dated June 23, 1952.

Fraternally,

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