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To: UAW Region 8 Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries
UAW Region 8 State CAP Council Chairs
UAW Region 8 Local Union Retired Workers Chapter Chairpersons
UAW International Retired Workers Council Chairpersons

Re: Collections and Donations for Tennessee Disaster Relief

Greetings,

As you well know, parts of Nashville, TN, and surrounding cities were hit hard with tornadoes on Monday night, March 2, 2020. This tragedy has affected many of our members at Locals 342, 737, 1407, and 2409.

I come to you as the leadership of our Regional Local Unions, State CAP Councils, and Retired Worker Chapters to ask you to immediately start requesting contributions from our members.

Gate collections and donations from your local union treasury and State CAP Councils would be well appreciated by those so desperately in need of assistance. I ask you to approach your employer to contribute matching funds as well.

All funds will be used to assist union members and their families. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please send your donations to **Tennessee AFL-CIO**, 1901 Lindell Avenue, Nashville, TN 37204, with "TN AFL-CIO relief fund" in the memo line.

Those of us who are fortunate to have avoided this disaster should now assist those in need.

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 will."

In closing, I await your needed assistance.

In solidarity,

Mitchell Smith, Director
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