



## Brothers and Sisters

I'm sure everyone is aware that this Sunday August the 28<sup>th</sup> we have our strike mandate vote scheduled at our local union hall. The polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and remain open until 12:00 p.m. At 10:00 a.m. I will give a short update as to the status of how bargaining is progressing followed by a question and answer period. We as a bargaining team have been fighting diligently on the memberships behalf. We know what's important to the membership and are doing our best to solidify these gains.

It is NOT necessary for the membership to stay for the discussion part of the meeting. I understand everyone's lives are quite busy and Sundays are usually kept for well-deserved family time but please try and make an effort to at least come and vote. A strong strike mandate sends a clear message to the company that the bargaining teams have the full support of the membership and are willing to take strike action if the two sides cannot come to a settlement that is fair and lucrative for our members. Nothing would send a stronger message than 100% turnout and 100% yes vote for the mandate.

My last update I talked about the issue of repairs being done at an off-site location in Portland Oregon. There were approximately 10,000 units shipped with China as a destination. As was the case in Milton some repairs were being performed. We have had a high level meeting with Ford Motor Company and the National Union. We as a bargaining team are confident this issue will be resolved.

Again I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday at the strike mandate vote.

In Solidarity,

Dave Thomas

President Unifor Local 707