



UAW LOCAL 2164 SHOP COMMITTEE REPORT



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A message from Jason Watson, Chairman at UAW Local 2164...

Sisters & Brothers,

Due to the recent announcements by GM through Mary Barra, our future and job security is being threatened! It is very disheartening that for many years prior to now, GM has chosen to build vehicles in countries other than the US! However, and all along, GM has also built many quality vehicles HERE in the USA; built by hard working UAW members.

Earlier this year, GM unveiled and announced it would bring back and build the Chevy Blazer...IN MEXICO. And now, just a short time after, GM is stating that multiple facilities may not have future product allocated to those plants. GM is not stating that these plants will close but at this point, do not have known product that is going to be built there – still a huge disappointment! The UAW facilities impacted are Lordstown, OH Assembly, Detroit Hamtramck, Warren Transmission and Baltimore Operations. And let's not forget our UNIFOR brothers and sisters at Oshawa, Ont. Assembly.

This is a direct slap in the face to all of us that work very hard, make many sacrifices, and are loyal consumers of the products that we build.

Aside from the fact that these important discussions will be held during national negotiations between GM and the UAW next year, there is a cause I am asking your help with. It is a movement, a movement to put the "Human Element" at the forefront for GM and the world to see! It is quite simply #GMinvestinUS.

The idea is to get employees, retirees, community members, business owners, etc. in areas where there are UAW/GM men and women currently working; and take pictures with the hashtag sign and then use the #GMinvestinUS when you post to your social media platform (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) Our Region 8 Assistant Director, Tim Smith, brought myself and President Jack Bowers the hashtag (#) signs on Tuesday Dec. 4th. You can ask your shop committee representative for a hashtag sign, pick one up at the union hall or go to our local union Facebook page for a printable version.

Brothers and Sisters, let's stick together as one voice by sending a message to GM. Let's send a LOUD AND CLEAR message that not only are we loyal consumers of our products, but also and equally as important, we are UAW members that demand respect. We demand RESPECT for our job security, our future, our families, our communities and OUR COUNTRY!

In Solidarity,

**GM: We invested in
you. Now it's your
turn to invest in**

US!

#GMinvestinUS



"There is no power in the world that can stop the forward march of free men and women when they are joined in the solidarity of human brotherhood"

Walter Reuther