



UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a great summer. I wanted to take a few minutes to update everyone on what's happening over the next month and some of the work we have been doing on behalf of our members.

Most people don't know this, but in July 2025, I developed a bill aimed at requiring U.S. military parts to be made and manufactured here in America. The bill received some interest, but at the time it wasn't gaining the traction needed to move forward.

After Jimmy Lakeman was elected as our Region 9 Director in January, I had a conversation with him about the bill. Jimmy got our V-CAP Director and our UAW team in Washington, D.C., involved. By bringing other UAW locals that work on military projects into the effort, we were able to build more support and get State Representative Tarik Khan to endorse the bill.

The bill will be presented in Harrisburg this week, and this is just the beginning. From October 20th through October 25th, we will also be in Harrisburg with our International State V-CAP Committee and other Pennsylvania UAW locals working to get bills like this—and other legislation important to working families—passed.

This is exactly why having strong representation matters. These are the types of issues where we need our International leadership and our elected representatives working together with our locals. This is the kind of assistance we did not receive from past representatives, and it is why I believe it is important that we continue supporting Jimmy Lakeman.

If you have received your ballot, please make sure you get it back. If you did not receive a ballot, your last opportunity to request a replacement ballot is September 23rd.

You can request a ballot by calling (855) 433-8683 or online at UAWvote.com.

Ballots must be received by October 5th to be counted.

From September 27th through October 2nd, we will have our Region 9 Leadership Conference. Local unions from across Region 9 will have the opportunity to network with one another and meet with International leaders.

This gives each local an opportunity to discuss issues we are dealing with, share ideas and solutions, learn how other locals have handled similar situations, and hear what our International leadership has planned for the future.