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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The trip to Raleigh and Washington, D.C. has been successful.

As communicated previously to the membership our plan is to generate a grassroots campaign for our Federal and State Elected Representatives so that they are aware of the job losses at our UAW Represented Freightliner facilities in NC. The job losses are NAFTA and economy driven. Our action plan included face to face meetings and a petition drive outlining the seriousness of the job losses.



We have accomplished just that, meeting with our representatives and outlining the seriousness of our job loss as well as asking them to take specific actions to help us.

- U.S. Senator Kay Hagen (met with us in person)
- North Carolina Governor Bev Purdue (met with staff)
- U.S. Congressman Larry Kissel (met with staff)
- U.S. Congressman Mel Watts (met with us in person)
- U.S. Congresswoman Sue Myrick (met with us in person)

All offices gave a commitment to help. As they do what they committed to we will inform the membership.

Between the plants we delivered 4,400 signatures to our representatives. The Cleveland plant collected 2,400 signatures in one day, outstanding work by everyone that helped and signed.

It took a UNION to make all of this happen. Thank you to Shop Chair's Steve Barber, Dave Hunter and Edward Pickard for coordinating the petition drive in their respective plants and those that helped. Thanks to UAW Region 8 staff Jim Rogers that has assisted us in the entire process.

Most of all thank you to our membership for signing the petition and for simply being a union member. I appreciate that you do not sit on the sideline like many do and that you contribute your part to making the union possible.

We will continue to work diligently to make certain as many trucks are built in North Carolina as possible and I hope everyone will get an opportunity to come back to work sooner than later.

In Solidarity,

George Drexel