

# Important GM Unit Membership Meeting

*Sisters and Brothers:*

We would like to begin by thanking you the membership for your patience and support as we went through the process of reaching a tentative agreement with General Motors to ensure we did our part to secure financial assistance that was part of the conditions the government demanded.

Our objective was to minimize the pain you the members and your families would have to endure, while ensuring that General Motors is well positioned to receive government assistance to remain viable.

We all know workers did not cause this crisis but rather the global financial meltdown and ensuing credit freeze. No one wanted this to happen and after what you the members have had to face over the past years we have done our part to position ourselves to keep a footprint of auto assembly on Canada. The alternative is worse as bankruptcy would have not only affected our active workforce but also that of our retirees. This was the only alternative if we did not act. Doing nothing would have been irresponsible.

The sacrifices made in this agreement are not what anyone wanted but necessary. Tough decisions had to be made and everyone including retirees are making some form of sacrifice.

We the Master Bargaining Committee, under the leadership of National President Ken Lewenza, made it clear from the beginning that local issues were not on the table and we would be focusing on just the Master Agreement.

We have done our part. Now it is the government's turn to fix the financial crisis. We need them to legislate fair trade and not free trade. If this is not done we have only delayed the inevitable. We encourage you to call your MPP and MP and voice your concerns over the manufacturing crisis in this province and country. We are confident the government will support what we have done and we thank them for that, but they must understand that the crisis is not over.

We also need to build customer confidence so that people will start buying vehicles again. We need to get away from the negativity because that is just making a bad situation worse. Hopefully this will put the bankruptcy issue to rest.

In closing, we urge all of you to take the time to attend one of the ratification meetings and make an informed decision because we all know what is at stake. **Your Master Bargaining Committee unanimously recommends that you support this Agreement.**

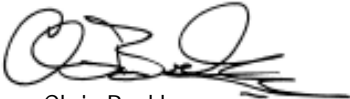
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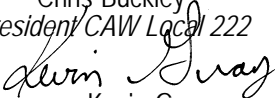
### 11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

### General Motors Centre 99 Athol St. Oshawa




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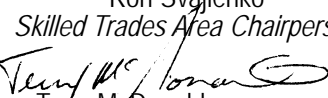
  
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