

Solidarity

With UAW Poletown Workers Against GM Accepting Scab Parts

American Axle UAW workers want to thank you for the support UAW Poletown workers have given us since we went out on strike Feb, 26 in our struggle for a decent contract and against wage cuts and plant closings. We all hate the fact that the law forces workers to handle scab parts. GM should not be allowing these parts into the plant.

We stand here on public property for an informational picket line to highlight how wrong it is for cars to be made with stabilizer bars American Axle workers were making before the strike. We don't know whether they are being made by AAM supervisors, by workers in Mexico, or by Dana, but they are our work! We called the National Labor Relations Board to inform them that we would be here today, and they informed us that our activity is perfectly legal. We are not asking you to stop work, but we do ask that if you handle stabilizer bars look for the upmost quality. Burrs on the bars affect vehicle performance. Grievances can be written. If this part is inferior, it can have serious consequences.

We also ask that you "work to rule". This is also perfectly legal. You simply go strictly by the contract and don't do management any favors. We all do things we do not necessarily have to do. We would appreciate you sending a message to GM management that they should not be allowing scab parts into the plant. You can do this by ceasing to engage in these small favors until not only is our strike settled, but we believe it will also help you in your fight for a decent local agreement!

GM seems to be rotating assembly plants to try to keep production going. Poletown is back to work this week after having been shut down by the AAM strike. Shutting down car production is very important for our strike, and you see from the newspapers that we have had an impact on both AAM and GM profits. We know that none of us will win decent contracts without backing up our demands with unified action. The CEO at American Axle has made more than \$250 million in salary and perks over the last 14 years, yet he continues to demand wage cuts that if we agreed to them, would force us out of our homes and unable to educate our children.

We hope that you will continue to back us in every way you can! We are here today to thank you for your past support and to ask you to examine the stabilizer bars very carefully. It's perfectly legal for you to join with us after you get off work today if you'd like when you are on your own time. Stop and talk with us and we'd be pleased to tell you how AAM has not moved off square one since day one!

Thanks so much for your support. We have received so much solidarity since we went out and pledge to have your back in your fight for a decent local contract!

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