

36% of GM workers voted “No” 45% of Chrysler workers voted “No” Ford workers can vote it down

The “No” vote at Chrysler was the biggest ever “No” vote against any contract that was ratified at the Big 3.

And since then, many Chrysler workers who voted “Yes” have been quoted as saying that they would have voted “No” if they knew about the layoffs that were kept secret until after the contract was ratified.

They want to sell us a contract based on false promises of “job security”. They want us to forget that this contract has concessions that will lead to a devastating drop in the standard of living for current autoworkers, future autoworkers, retirees, and workers across the country.

Why would we vote for something that will ruin our future?

Ford workers can make their own decision about this contract. Nothing says we have to follow a “pattern agreement”. Two years ago, Ford workers nearly voted it down when the contract was re-opened. Because of the strong “No” vote at Ford, Chrysler workers kept their 3% raise in 2006. They didn’t follow the “pattern” then.

If Ford workers vote down this contract, it can re-open the door for Chrysler and GM workers to make a fight. Their contracts were passed by false promises and misleading statements. There is no reason for anyone to respect a contract obtained by underhanded means.

For sure, it will take a fight by many workers to stop concessions. There is no reason why we at Ford can’t stand up and start that fight by voting “No!”

(signed) Dearborn Truck Plant workers and Ford retirees

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Why we are voting “No”. See the other side.

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