

The fight against concessions isn't over!

The UAW said the Ford contract was ratified by 59 per cent to 41 per cent.
In Dearborn Truck, we voted down the contract by 64 per cent. 698-No to 394-Yes.

I think it is important to recognize what we did here because the fight against concessions isn't over.

Before we voted, EVERYBODY was telling us that autoworkers had to take concessions.
But **despite** what EVERYBODY told us, we took a stand, we voted "No!"

Despite the media saying we had no other choice;
Despite all the politicians demanding that we give up our standard of living;
Despite the International Union sending people into our plant every day;
Despite those in the local union who pushed a Yes vote;
Despite all the scare tactics;
Despite all the pressure;
We voted "No!"

And we weren't alone.

At least 9 other locals or units that I know of voted down the contract. Several of them voted it down by a big margin, like we did here in DTP.

Most of the places where there were big "No" votes, it was because some people in those plants organized and said what many workers were thinking about the concessions – "this is wrong!"

I know we all wish that we could just be left alone, come to work, do our jobs, get paid, go home and take care of our families.

But the companies are not going to leave us alone. I believe they are going to be coming back for more concessions, again and again, until we are able to stop them.

We have to build on what we did this time to get ready for next time.

Ford workers, auto workers and other ordinary working people together have the power to stop these greedy corporate bosses from taking what we have worked for. Workers have done it in the past. And we have the power to do it now.

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