

# Committee on Transportation and Transit on 2023-09-05 1:30 PM - HYBRID MEETING

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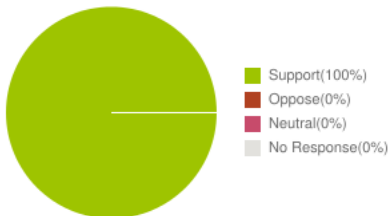
## eComments Report

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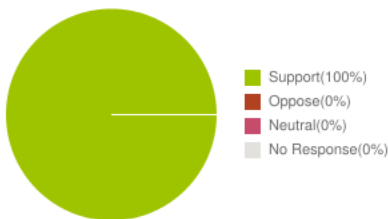
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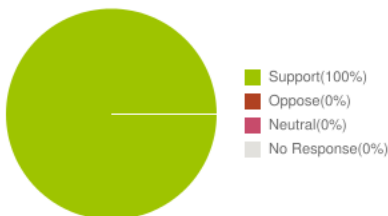
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**John Drew**

Location:  
 Submitted At: 11:35am 09-05-23

Chairwoman Cogg-Jones, members of the Committee, my name is John Drew. I reside at 3415 N Murray Avenue in the City of Milwaukee. I am a Milwaukee County resident and a retired UAW Chrysler worker.

I come before you to speak in favor of resolution 23-819 supporting a new policy encouraging County fleet purchases be vehicles produced by US based companies who employ UAW members. Those companies are Ford, GM and Stellantis, formerly known as Chrysler.

Why does it matter that the County purchase UAW made vehicles?

First of all, over 1,000 GM and Chrysler UAW retirees reside in Milwaukee County and their pensions depend on sales of UAW made vehicles.

But more importantly encouraging fleet purchases to be UAW, union made vehicles means that the County supports not only the U.S economy but it makes a statement that Milwaukee County believes that it is important to give preference to vehicles built by union labor, vehicles built by workers who have a seat at the table through collective bargaining.

There was a time when UAW built vehicles dominated the market. But over the years things changed. First, vehicles built in other countries were allowed to be imported with no regard to the impact on American workers,

Secondly foreign companies like Toyota, Kia and Hyundai built plants in southern states and then took advantage of weak labor laws and have fiercely resisted efforts by their workers to organize unions.

Finally, because of NAFTA and other unfair trade deals, Foreign and US based companies could manufacture cars and trucks in Mexico and send them across the border to the huge US market with no regard to the devastation caused to working families in places like Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Janesville when UAW plants closes.

Most autoworkers in Mexico are represented by corrupt and undemocratic unions who until recently did not allow workers to even vote on their contracts.

Giving preference to UAW built vehicles matters because the collectively bargaining wages and benefits of the 150,000 UAW members at Ford, GM and Stellantis set the standards for all union and non-union manufacturing workers in this country.

Last month we observed the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The UAW was one of the main sponsors of the march and our President Walter Reuther was one of the speakers alongside Dr. King and others.

Throughout our history, the UAW has been in the forefront of the fight for economic and racial justice in this country.

What have companies like Hyundai and Kia done for the common good?

They have fought against their own workers who have tried to unionize. They have failed to take responsibility for defects in their products that have contributed to an epidemic of car thefts not only in Milwaukee but all over this country.

Milwaukee County should implement purchasing polices that support the jobs of members of the UAW, a union that is dedicated to making America more equitable and just.

I urge you to vote yes to advance resolution 23-819.

Thank you.

**Joe Kanzleiter**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:20am 09-05-23

Hi, I am Joe Kanzleiter, a UAW member since 2010. I work in Milwaukee County for Molson Coors. I tried to submit a comment before, but not sure it went through because I didn't have an account. I fully support this resolution, this will support union jobs, American jobs, and American products. It is no secret that a strong

economy and middle-class correlate with higher and stronger union membership levels across the country. These are organized labor jobs which will improve wages, benefits, and most importantly safer working conditions. This is a signal to workers that the private and public sectors can work together to support them. Thank you for your time!

**Anthony Rainey**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:26am 09-05-23

I support this resolution. I believe it is important to support built in America and buy American legislation. It is sound economic policy that insures that workers and their employers will have sustainable futures and supporting manufacturers that have organized labor contracts in their facilities, in this case the UAW, helps the entire working class by setting the standard in wages, benefits and safety while producing high quality products.

Anthony Rainey

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