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Preparing for September 17 at 11:59 p.m.

On Monday, September 10, financial secretaries and strike captains from all local unions across the three chains met in Toronto to review strike protocol and prepare for a possible strike next week. With the deadline less than a week away, it's critical that all locals are equipped.

We're still hopeful that we can avoid a strike by reaching a new agreement with at least one of the companies. Collectively though, we must be ready for any outcome.

To assist with preparations, there will be an explanatory pamphlet distributed in all facilities this week outlining strike protocol, including: reporting for strike duty, strike pay and the extension of health care benefits.

The threat of a strike has certainly captured the attention of the media and company executives alike. Over the last few days, meetings have picked up and are now taking place more frequently. Much to our disappointment though, these meetings have not yielded many results.

All three companies appear to be fixated not merely on cost containment, but on deep concessions that would have a lasting and severe impact on our members. CAW committees at General Motors, Ford and Chrysler are working around the clock in an effort to fight concessionary demands and reach a fair agreement.

We appreciate the support shown to the bargaining committees so far and urge members to stay on the job and stay tuned for further information and instruction.

We will continue to keep members updated on the progress of negotiations.

Thank you for your ongoing support and determination.

In solidarity,

The CAW General Motors, Chrysler and Ford Master Bargaining Committees

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