

# 2012 AUTO TALKS

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## Staying on the Job to Negotiate at GM

Today the union reached a tentative agreement with Ford Motor Company. In keeping with the practice of pattern bargaining, the General Motors Master Bargaining Committee is now taking the framework established at Ford over to GM, with the intention of reaching a similar tentative agreement.

Although the union was largely concentrating its efforts on Ford over the last 24 hours, the GM Master and local committees continued to meet and work on pursuing a new deal.

This evening, GM has indicated to the union that it will put the necessary effort into reaching an agreement that respects the principles of the pattern established at Ford.

We have decided to indefinitely extend the deadline as long as there continues to be progress made at the bargaining table. If progress stalls, the union at any time can give the company 24 hours-notice of a work stoppage. This extension comes with the intention of reaching a new tentative agreement and avoiding a work stoppage at GM.

This signal by GM marks a change of course for the company and is a hopeful indication that we can soon reach an agreement.

**It is crucial that members at all GM locations stay on the job and continue working.** A failure to do so will have serious negative consequences on our ability to reach a new agreement and will greatly diminish the bargaining committee's negotiating power.

**Stay tuned for further information and instructions from your in-plant representatives.** The bargaining committee will update the membership as the negotiations evolve.

Thank you for your ongoing support and determination.

*In solidarity,*

*The CAW GM Master Bargaining Committee*

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