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Wisconsin AFL-CIO Supports AxleTech UAW Workers on Strike for a Fair Contract

MILWAUKEE—The Wisconsin AFL-CIO called today on AxleTech International to return to the bargaining table and negotiate a fair and equitable contract. United Auto Workers Local 291 voted overwhelmingly to reject a company contract proposal on Saturday, January 28, 2016 and went on strike starting Monday, February 6, 2016.

"The men and women of UAW Local 291 at AxleTech are taking a brave stand for the middle class," said **Phil Neuenfeldt, President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO**. "As workers' wages lag and corporate profits continue to go disproportionately to the top, striking workers are standing up to say 'stop the squeeze on workers' that is killing our middle class. Workers at AxleTech are striking for fair wages, affordable healthcare and so that future generations of workers can have a decent shot at a middle-class life in Oshkosh."

"The dedicated members of UAW Local 291 are fighting to preserve good, family-supporting jobs in Oshkosh," said **Stephanie Bloomingdale, Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO**. "Workers across Wisconsin are ready to stand shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with our brothers and sisters at AxleTech as one, united labor movement. We know an injury to one is an injury to all. The men and women who make AxleTech work deserve a fair and equitable contract that is bargained collaboratively in good faith."

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