

## **Time To Go Back To The Bridge!**

Brother Gary Walkowicz should be the next President of the UAW!

Gary is from Local 600 and has 35 years seniority. Since 1996 he has been elected to positions of District Committeeman, Plant Chairman, Convention Delegate and is currently Bargaining Committeeman at Dearborn Truck.

From the beginning, Gary said we should not start down the road of concessions. He has been proven right. Concessions did not save jobs. They decimated our union. No good has come of it, except to management. That policy must end.

Thanks to the fights he led, the Dearborn Truck Plant unit has a proud record of being out front in opposing the drive for concessions. DTP workers did not agree to peacefully give up what our grandparents and parents fought for! In 2005 they voted 92 per cent against concessions and they came back in 2009 and voted 93% NO.

Gary might have been in the minority in the leadership, but he was a voice for all those workers at Ford who overwhelmingly voted down the last contract.

Today he speaks for all of us who oppose concessions and oppose this race to the bottom. He speaks for what we want:

- To reject all demands for concessions.
- To fight all schemes that divide the membership. No more two-tier!
- To fight to restore to retirees all the promises made and broken.
- To insure that the membership has complete authority over every step of negotiations, over every contract re-opening, over every word of every deal.

Our union faces a huge crisis, a real emergency, brought on by past policies. We need to do a radical 180-degree turn, away from policies of concessions! We need policies that put the workers' interests FIRST!

Local 600 is where the Battle of the Overpass was fought in 1937. The workers at Dearborn Truck today refer to the Overpass still standing as the Bridge. And today in the plant, workers are saying, "It's time to go back to the Bridge."

Brother Gary Walkowicz has shown that he is ready to lead a fight against concessions, and that's why he should be the next UAW President.

(signed)

Delegates from the following locals: 600 – Gary Walkowicz, Nick Kottalis, Cathy Abney and alt. Dewayne Jackson; 122 – alt. Martha Grevatt; 167 – Rodney Childs and Leroy Keipinger; 686 – Andy Pella; 699 – Dean Parm; 892 – Debi Muncy; 2865 – Jessica Taal and Sarah Knuth; 3000 – Jeff Hodges, Steve Porkarski, and Cindy Maynard; 6000 – Jim Walkowicz.

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