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Brothers and Sisters,

This morning we had a meeting at the Local 1268 Union Hall with Governor J.B. Pritzker and his staff to discuss last Friday's announcement of the Belvidere Assembly Plant idling. The people that were in attendance at the meeting were myself, Vice-President Monica Sago, Financial Secretary Mike Moe along with UAW Region 4 Director Brandon Campbell, Assistant Director Brad Dutcher, soon to be Assistant Director Lucas DeSpain, UAW Servicing reps Ted Dever, Nick Rutovic, Illinois State CAP Coordinator John Gedney, Illinois President of the AFL-CIO Tim Drea, UAW 1761 President Bill Lovitt, and Vice-President Chris Hittenmiller.

The Governor stated that he had scheduled a conference call ahead of time with Stellantis for 10:30am last Friday December 9, 2022 to "land the plane" as it was stated to secure an EV product in Belvidere and that is when Stellantis had notified him that they were going to idle the Belvidere plant on or about February 28, 2023. The Governor was not expecting that announcement and he said that they all thought that discussions were going very well with Stellantis. He said that they have been in discussions with Stellantis over the past year about putting an EV at this facility. He also stated that they were going to continue to aggressively pursue product at the Belvidere facility.

The Governor also stated that had the "Build Back Better" bill by President Biden not been stalled by Congress last spring, the Charger and Challenger platform could have been awarded to Belvidere. That is when the Canadian government put up all of their money to persuade Stellantis to build those two vehicles at the Windsor Assembly Plant in Canada. Another perfect example of how elections have consequences. The Governor assured us that he and his staff are doing everything they possibly can to try and secure future product here in Belvidere.

We were also made aware this afternoon that UAW President Ray Curry has been in contact with President Biden and Stellantis Senior Management since last Friday's announcement and those talks have been ongoing to try to secure something here in Belvidere.

Your Local and International Union leadership is doing everything we can to try and get the powers to be to get a deal worked out for the future of this facility. As we get more information, we will get that out to the membership.

In Solidarity,

Kevin Logan

Local 1268 President