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UAWD To UAW International Union: Release All Information on Union Funds Stolen and Corruption Related Spending

Unite All Workers for Democracy (UAWD) issues the following statement regarding its request for financial data to reveal the extent of corruption in the UAW:

[Chicago, Illinois, **October 18, 2020**] – As a test of the UAW membership's ability to police its own union, Unite All Workers for Democracy has requested financial information from the UAW International Union related to the corruption that has plagued the union in the last several years. Specifically, UAWD requested, through a letter dated October 17, 2020, to UAW International Secretary Treasurer Ray Curry, the specific details surrounding the millions of dollars in union funds stolen by former UAW International Presidents, Dennis Williams, Gary Jones, and other UAW officials.

The figures sought in UAWD's Information Request could expose how much union money the UAW has spent on the legal defense of its convicted former leaders, staff, and others who provided information to federal investigators. **"The membership of the UAW has a right to know, in detail, how much of their money has been stolen and how much money the UAW International Executive Board (IEB) spent to defend the criminals who stole it,"** said Scott Houldieson, member of UAW Local 551 in Chicago and Chair of Unite All Workers for Democracy (UAWD).

"Also, the membership of this union has a right to know, through full disclosure, if these convicted felons have paid back any of the money they stole," Houldieson stated. **"When the UAW International Executive Board approved the payment of legal expenses, the intent should have been to defend the Union, not union officials who are guilty of corruption,"** said Justin Mayhugh, member of UAW Local 31 in Kansas City, Kansas and Co-Chair of UAWD. **"Money spent for legal fees should be returned to the Union once guilt has been established."**

The UAWD Information Request will provide the full disclosure needed to establish a complete accounting of the corruption in the UAW. **"This request is essentially a subpoena of records presented on behalf of the membership of the UAW,"** says

