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Unite All Workers for Democracy (UAW) issues the following statement regarding the UAW referendum vote count, which began on Monday, November 29.

UAW Predicts Victory For One Member, One Vote in UAW Referendum

Hamden, Connecticut- On December 1, the unofficial results show that UAW members have voted to change the method for electing the International Executive Board, representing a massive victory for reformers. The direct election system — popularly known as “One Member, One Vote” — has received a majority of the votes cast, with approximately 63% voting in favor so far with over 81 percent of the ballots counted.

Locals across all sectors of the UAW, including auto, John Deere, and higher education, have all broken heavily in favor of direct elections. One Member, One Vote currently leads in all regions of the UAW.

“The membership of our great union has made clear that they want to change the direction of the UAW and return to our glory days of fighting for our members. I am so proud of the UAW membership and their willingness to step up and vote for change” says Chris Budnick, member of UAW Local 862 Ford Louisville Plant and Recording Secretary for UAWD.

Pending the results of the referendum vote being certified by the Department of Labor, the International Executive Board will now be elected directly by the membership. For 70 plus years, the Administration Caucus has manipulated the delegate election system to maintain its grip on power. This unfettered control of the UAW led to corruption, stagnation, and concessionary contracts.

Today's victory allows members to not only directly elect their leaders, but to also better hold them accountable. The outcome of the referendum vote is a crucial first step in the process of transforming the union.

“The work of our caucus is just beginning. We invite all UAW members to join us in our fight against concessions, corruption, and tiers. We will build a union based on solidarity, not partnership with management” says Scott Houldieson, Chair of UAWD.

The UAW Convention will be held on July 25-29, 2022 in Detroit, Michigan.

UAWD is a reform caucus in the UAW founded in 2020. The caucus waged a vigorous grassroots campaign for One Member, One Vote through phone and text banking, leafleting, media publicity and social media outreach. The campaign was a volunteer-driven effort.