

February 5, 2022

Dear President Curry,

We're writing to re-visit our earlier communications (1/8/2020 and 2/27/2020) requesting the creation of a West Coast region within the Union. Under your leadership as President we've seen continued progress in developing and implementing reforms to fight corruption, and we sincerely appreciate your work. In the past two years, as we've supported these critical reforms, we have continued to grow, with another 17,000 Student Researchers at the University of California and 1,500 Research Scientists at the University of Washington set to join our ranks in the near future. With now 67,500 represented workers, a strong political program helping achieve social justice for all in our states and beyond, and active organizing campaigns in multiple industries (for example, Tesla), we are more than ready for our voices to be heard as a geographically smaller, unified region.

Directors McInroy and Smith have provided strong leadership during these challenging times and have been open, responsive and supportive of our work and our request. This has been a much-needed change following the domineering tenure of Vance Pearson, Gary Jones, and Jim Wells, who in pursuit of their own corrupt aims actively discouraged us in West Coast Locals from new organizing, engaging in progressive political action, and increasing membership involvement within the Union, and actively opposed the re-formation of a West Coast region. Re-creating a West Coast region is a critical additional step in righting their wrongs and restoring the proud UAW traditions of democratic unionism, organizing, and political activism that have improved our lives and society. We therefore ask that you please take immediate action to re-create a West Coast region so we can better continue our work to create a stronger union. Please let us know how we can help accomplish this change.

Solidarity,

Presidents of West Coast Locals:

Marty Garcia, Local 76

Juan Cisneros, Local 179

James Dollard, Local 230

Robert Perdue, Local 492

John Lozano, Local 509

Joe Padilla, Local 887

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