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BARGAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

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• LAYOFF INFORMATION-FOR WEEK 1 ONLY

All laid off members must **OPEN** a new unemployment claim with the State of Indiana, between Sunday, April 3rd, 2022, and Saturday, April 9th, 2022, **if you do not already have a claim open**. If you already have a claim open from last year, you will file for unemployment **the following week**, starting on April 10 and ending April 16th which can only be submitted electronically at the following website address <https://uplink.in.gov/CSS>. If you have previously filed for unemployment benefits in another state prior to transferring to FWA and you still have a claim open there, you must file for the benefits from that state until they are exhausted before filing in Indiana. Remember you must either open or have a previous claim already open in order to file for unemployment for the weeks you are laid off.

If you have hours and decide to work on Sunday, April 3rd, any wages earned for this date will be considered wages earned for the layoff week April 3rd-April 9th. The State of Indiana's claim week runs SUNDAY-SATURDAY. General Motors payroll runs MONDAY-SUNDAY. If you work, you will be required to report your wages for SUNDAY, April 3rd when you open or file a claim. If these wages are more than the \$390 state maximum you will not be eligible for any unemployment.

If you have questions, or you are not sure how to answer or do not understand, call the Indiana Unemployment Call Center in Indianapolis, 800-891-6499 for assistance. You may also file at any Indiana Work One center if you do not have a computer. You must have an active e-mail address. It is recommended that you log into the unemployment site and review/watch the tutorials which walk you through the process prior to the actual layoff weeks to get familiar with the process and to give yourselves time to ask questions if need be.

If you have filed in Indiana before, type in your username and password and click “sign on”. Otherwise, if this is your first time, click on” New User Registration” and complete your information and then open a new claim. After the first week, you must log back in on or after Sunday, April 10th, 2022, and “File A Weekly Claim”. But remember, you only have until Saturday, April 16th, 2022, at 8:59PM. In the event there is additional time off, you will repeat this process until you return to work. We will have our UAW Benefits and training reps onsite to assist with your unemployment, and computers are also available for member use at the Union Hall, 7AM-3:00PM Monday-Friday.

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- **LAYOFF INFORMATION FOR WEEK 2**

Filing for unemployment for week 2 is going to be a little more complicated, than week 1, so keep an eye out for our next Bargaining Report **before** you file unemployment_for week 2.

- **SUPPLEMENTAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (SUB PAY)**

In Progression and Traditional Full-Time members, with a minimum of one year and one day seniority, placed on layoff, beginning April 4th, 2022, are eligible to apply for SUB. **Flex, Temps, and new In-Progression members with less than one year and one day seniority are not eligible.**

After receiving confirmation from your State Department of Unemployment that you served a state system waiting week, in the case of members opening a claim for a new benefit year, or that you received (were paid) a regular weekly unemployment benefit, THEN apply for SUB for week ending April 10th, 2022, by logging into layoffbenefits.com by following the instructions below or calling “VRU” at 800-489-4646.

- **layoffbenefits.com**
- **click on the GM logo**
- **Click on my layoff benefits**
- **Enter Social Security number**

Members starting a new unemployment benefit period must first enter the “**Set up Your Monetary Determination**” information which is your **Benefit Begin Date, WBA Weekly Benefit Amount** and **MBA Maximum Benefit Amount**. Then click on “**Apply for a Weekly Benefit**” and click on April 10th, 2022.

- **IMPORTANT “WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATION”**

You must be unemployment eligible to be SUB eligible. There has been language in the SUB agreement for many years called “Willful Misrepresentation”, which means when you file for SUB and answer “yes” to either the question that records indicate, you served a state system waiting week, or “yes” to the question that asks if you received (were paid) a state unemployment weekly benefit of \$390” (example of maximum Indiana weekly rate) and did not because of a mistake or failure to file on time and do not have proof on your state employment your benefits paid will be recovered by the Company and you will be disqualified for the duration of that lay off period. Either wait to file until the issue is resolved for that week or answer “no”. You may have to file a manual SUB form if there is a problem with your first week, contact your benefit reps.

- **VACATION**

Anyone who has approved vacation scheduled during the 2 down weeks you should cancel it immediately. Notify your group Leader and/or vacation rep to cancel it for you.

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