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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this update reaches you in good health. It has been a while since I put out an update and there has been a lot going on here at the Local over the past few months. We have had two of our business units enter into negotiations with our Ryder unit reaching a strong new agreement that the Members ratified at over seventy percent! Our LOC unit is engaged in a long negotiation which has driven them to extend the current contract while they work to bring a tentative agreement to the LOC Members for ratification.

As we enter into November, it is good to see that all of our business units are back up and running. We had a struggle at our Avancez unit during the LDT downtime, and our brothers and sisters of Avancez ended up being laid off for almost three months straight. Though the supply chain hit all of our units at some point over the past few months, none were hit as hard as those at Avancez. As we move forward, we have near-immediate opportunities at our Ryder and Avancez units if you know of anyone looking for work. The LOC has also brought a few new hires on over the past month, and we expect them to add even more in the near future.

Our GM unit had its first national sub-council since 2019 at the end of September. It was nice to meet with other leaders from across the country and see that the struggles and issues we face daily are not exclusive to us but affect most all plants equally. In some cases, we are doing a lot better than some of the plants across the U.S. The LGR/LRS/LGS workers have received the great honor of winning the J.D. Power award for the second year in a row for the best initial quality in the luxury segment for our CT5. Once again proving that Local 652 has the best workers there are!

The Local recently hosted an event for our retired workers who were employed prior to 1979. We had a firm that provided free mesothelioma screenings with follow-up calls and letters to our Members with their results.

During the past couple of months, I have also been presented with the opportunity to receive multiple different rounds of diversity, equity and inclusion training from the Capital Area United Way, of which I am on the board of directors. LAFUCU also provided this training due to my seat on the Supervisory Committee. These volunteer positions provide a voice from Labor and the working class here in the Lansing area. As always, it is an honor and a privilege to represent this Membership. Solidarity Brothers and Sisters.