

U.S. auto workers continue strike with support from politicians and environmental activists



Washington, September 18 (RHC)-- In the U.S., the United Auto Workers' nationwide strike is in its third day today. It's the first such strike in the auto industry since 2007, affecting over 50 General Motors facilities across nine states.

UAW representatives met for further talks with GM Monday but have so far failed to come to an agreement. Workers' demands include fair wages, affordable healthcare, job security and profit sharing.

A number of Democratic 2020 candidates have come out in support of the strike, including Senators Bernie Sanders and Amy Klobuchar; South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg; and former San Antonio mayor and HUD Secretary Julián Castro, who noted in a tweet that GM's CEO, Mary T. Barra, made nearly \$22 million last year, which amounts to 281 times the median GM worker.

Varshini Prakash, executive director of the Sunrise Movement, also threw her support behind the strike, tweeting, "All workers deserve a right to fair wages, guaranteed healthcare, job security & basic dignity."

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