JOBS TO MOVE AMERICA

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Dear Friends,

There's something special about knocking on your neighbor’s door in the South.

You never know if someone will invite you inside to beat the heat, hand you a glass of sweet tea, or tell you a story they’ve held onto for years. Over the past two weeks, I joined nearly a dozen Jobs to Move America organizers and volunteers as we door-knocked in my community in Montgomery and its surrounding area.



From the west side of Selma to the rural roads of White Hall, Alabama, we spent long hours meeting people where they are and hearing what matters most to them.

Our conversations focused on Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) and how they can make a difference for workers and our community. We also heard story after story about the realities workers face every day throughout the Hyundai-Kia supply chain.

Over the last two weeks, we:

1. Knocked on more than 400 doors in the Montgomery region.
2. Spoke with nearly 60 Hyundai MOBIS workers about workplace conditions, injuries, Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs), and what they want to see for their communities.
3. Invited workers and their families to a community fish fry, creating another chance to build relationships and create genuine connections with our community.

Some conversations have stayed with me, especially those with retired workers who reflected on giving more than 20 years to their jobs. Despite repeatedly speaking up about their concerns, they felt unheard, and in the end, they chose to leave.

Those exchanges reminded me why organizing always starts with listening and that we are tasked with carrying the torch for them. Every door we knock on is a chance to build trust. Every story someone shares shapes our work. Every relationship we build helps us support the workers in the communities many of us were raised in.

Those workers who retired feeling unheard, they deserve to see that change is possible and their voices can make a difference. We don’t want to see workers leaving jobs because they feel helpless, we want to help them thrive and feel empowered.

Behind every door is a family.
Behind every conversation is a worker whose voice deserves to be heard.
Behind every organizing note there’s another reason to keep fighting for safe jobs, strong communities, and Community Benefits Agreements that make sure public investments bring lasting benefits to the people who keep this region thriving.

As a Black woman organizing in the South, I know our communities have always benefited from forming real connections and bonds. Around kitchen tables. On front porches. At church fish fries. By showing up for one another and refusing to leave our neighbors behind. That's what this organizing blitz was really about.

We'll keep knocking.
We'll keep listening.

And together, we'll keep building relationships and having conversations that lead to change in the manufacturing industry.

In Solidarity,



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Join us in the fight for good jobs and healthy communities.

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