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Dear Maria,

Earlier this week, we witnessed an extraordinary demonstration of what people can accomplish when they stand together. That conviction is shared by JMA staff, our coalition partners, and the workers organizing in communities across the country. The election also reminded the nation of something those of us in the South have always known: Southerners are among the most tenacious, resilient, and hopeful people in this country, and they are worth investing in. **Even with limited resources, we can move mountains.**

We also know that the protections and opportunities many Americans take for granted—from safe workplaces to thriving communities—are too often denied to people in the South. Manufacturing has moved here in search of lower costs and weaker labor protections, promising jobs and prosperity while too often perpetuating the exploitation of Southern workers. But that is not the future we are willing to accept. **Investing in the South means investing in the people who are organizing to change it.**



JMA was founded on the belief that the South should not be a destination for companies seeking to escape accountability. It should be a place where manufacturing creates shared prosperity. When JMA secured an unprecedented Community Benefits Agreement with New Flyer in Anniston,

Alabama, we helped demonstrate what that alternative can look like: a company positioned to grow and succeed, and workers with access to safe jobs, family-sustaining wages, career advancement, and protections that too often remain out of reach in the South. It was a win-win, and a model for what is possible when workers have a meaningful voice in shaping the economy.

We are building on that progress across the region. Workers in Hyundai's supply chain are standing up to ensure they have a say in how artificial intelligence will shape their jobs and the future of manufacturing across the country. Workers at Neptune, a smart water meter manufacturer, are making their voices heard to protect their health and safety at work. And workers throughout the South are building the technologies and tools that will power the green transition demanded by communities across the country.

Invest in our growing movement in the South!

We live in the South. We work in the South. And we believe the South can lead. We know what is possible when workers have a voice and communities have a stake in economic development. Now we need your support to keep building that future. Please join JMA in supporting Southern worker organizing.

Investing in workers and communities in the South is not just an investment in this region, it is an investment in a stronger, fairer future for us all.

In solidarity,
JMA's Southern Staff
Sarina, Will, Meredith, Haeden, Luis, Larry, Jasmine, Sherah, Matt, Soni

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

Donate today to help make JMA's work possible.

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