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Dear Friends,

Earlier this month, Jobs to Move America hosted its fourth annual Alabama Learning Trip.

For many of our staff and dedicated supporters, this was a chance to reconnect, share updates and reflect on years of collaborations.

For others, this was a first visit to the U.S. South, a region steeped in both resistance and oppression, and home to some of JMA's most successful and challenging work.

The trip brought together over a dozen representatives from philanthropic foundations, funder networks, activist shareholders, community leaders, academics, community activists, and coalition members to meet directly with workers and organizers and discuss ways to hold corporations accountable for creating good jobs.



Since our last group visit to Alabama, JMA has made remarkable progress:

- Published Hidden in Plain Sight: Safety, Labor, and Environmental Violations in Hyundai-Kia's Supply Chain
- Co-published The Impact of Incarcerated Labor in Hyundai's U.S. Supply Chain with Columbia Labor Lab
- Launched the Recall Injustice at Hyundai-Kia campaign at last year's Los Angeles Auto Show, which JMA, along with 41 other organizations, continues to steward.

Our Southern team's progress was evident with every trip.

At the New Flyer bus factory in Anniston, participants toured the floor and shared dinner with worker leaders upholding the 2022 Community Benefits Agreement.

We met Hyundai supply chain workers, organizers, and community leaders challenging dangerous labor practices, exploitative prison labor, and other practices that harm workers and the community. Researchers shared groundbreaking findings on AI and humanoid robots that Boston Dynamics (owned by Hyundai) will soon deploy.

In Tallassee, we saw and heard firsthand the impact of the documented

problems at Neptune's water meter facility on workers and, in Tuskegee, we heard from community members who have a different and brighter vision for future development.

For trip participants, this inspiring and informative visit will shape their view of corporate behavior and accountability. For the workers we met, it is a much-needed reminder that their efforts to demand safe jobs, growth opportunities, and environmental protections have support.

> "*The Alabama Learning Trip was both sobering and inspiring, with its overlay of labor organizing and the long struggle against slavery and racism. The challenges to reach a fair economy feel enormous – and JMA's organizers filled us with optimism that progress can be made. The successful Community Benefits Agreement at New Flyer is a case in point. I loved hearing from workers and admiring their bravery. I love JMA's elegant strategy to support much-needed manufacturing jobs by supporting the labor that makes manufacturing possible, and caring for the environment around manufacturing plants: safe, fair conditions for all. And Alabama wowed me with its beauty – the forests, fields, small towns, architecture, food, and people.*"
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> - Abigail Norman, Trip Participant

Thank you to everyone who makes this work possible and continues to support Jobs to Move America. See more photos of the 2026 Alabama Learning Trip on Instagram and stay tuned for updates on our 2027 programming coming soon!



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