

“Whatever it Takes”

Greetings brothers and sisters of Local 387.

Some of you may know that I am involved with a non profit organization called “Whatever it takes for Progress”. This group was founded by UAW Local 174 President, John Zimmick and Matt Slade, a General Motors Plant Chairman. We are made up of a diverse mix of Auto Workers, School Teachers, Truck Drivers and we even have a couple Lawyers. Some of us wear blue collars, some wear white. Some are unemployed, some are retirees. One thing we share in common is a concern with the future of the United States of America and the direction that Foreign Trade Policies have taken us.

Our Mission Statement is this:

Our Mission is to educate, motivate, and empower the American Public to effect a positive change in our trade agreements and ensure fair treatment and respect for ALL workers from ALL nations. We must forge and mold a culture where the government is working for the masses and not Wall Street and special interest groups.

In April of last year, 8 members our Local, along with 90+ members of “Whatever it takes” traveled to Wall St. to protest these unfair trade agreements. By selling raffle tickets, and the donation of 2 vehicles by Tim Mathews of Mathews Ford, we covered most expenses. We also traveled to Washington DC last fall with Region 1A to support the “Rally for Good Jobs”.

Our next trip is planned for May 22-24, 2011. We will be returning to Washington DC to rally at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s annual event: America’s small Business Summit.

Our group is open to all, and we meet at UAW Local 174 in Romulus. If you are interested in attending a meeting or would like to join us in DC you can contact me on the plant floor or by calling our local, they will forward all messages to me. To visit our web page go to: <http://whateverittakeslive.com/>

Solidarity Forever,
Brian “Chopper” Clendennin.



Pictured from left: Alex Ignagni, Sue Wilse, Brian “Chopper” Clendennin, Phyllis Williams, and John Moore.