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The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
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2176 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Frederica Wilson
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Health, Employment,
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Dear Chairman Scott and Chairwoman Wilson:

We are writing to follow up on our September 19, 2019, and November 14, 2019, letters requesting the Committee on Education and Labor (Committee) hold a public hearing to examine the growing corruption scandal within the United Automobile Workers (UAW) union. As you know, federal law enforcement has charged or convicted more than a dozen high-ranking UAW officials with money laundering, tax fraud, bribery, and embezzlement; and several UAW officials have violated laws that fall within Committee jurisdiction. Our initial correspondence requested a hearing by October 31, 2019, and our second letter requested a hearing by December 12, 2019. To date, we have not received a reply to either letter. Since both deadlines have passed and this outrageous scandal continues to expand, we respectfully renew our request for a public Committee oversight hearing on the UAW corruption scandal.

In the time since our second letter was sent to you in November, the two previous UAW Presidents were formally implicated as members of a racketeering enterprise within the union, and the current President—who took over because of the corruption allegations against the former Presidents—has come under federal investigation as well. The racketeering enterprise, highlighted in a new criminal filing against a former UAW Regional Director, embezzled more than \$1.5 million in union funds.¹ That filing represents the government's first public reference to racketeering within the UAW and could prompt a federal takeover of the union under the

¹ See Robert Snell & Kalea Hall, *Feds slap 'racketeering' label on 2 ex-UAW presidents*, DET. NEWS, Jan. 6, 2020.

Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. Lastly, the current President of the UAW has come under investigation for allegedly receiving cash kickbacks or bribes in exchange for lucrative contracts for union-branded merchandise after federal agents received a tip that secret cash payments were delivered to UAW officials at a Detroit strip club.²

Union members deserve much better. The UAW, one of the largest labor unions in the country, should not feel empowered to ignore the law. In fact, the Committee has a duty to ensure the laws under our jurisdiction are being administered properly and the rights of workers are protected. Instead of investigating the UAW's egregious wrongdoings, Committee Democrats are ignoring union corruption and lobbying their leadership to pass radical legislation that would overturn all state right-to-work laws—forcing workers who don't want to join a union to hand over their hard-earned union dues to possibly fund illegal activity.³

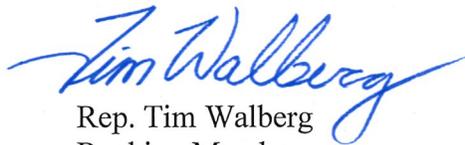
The Majority Leader's decision to bring the PRO Act to the House Floor is ill-timed—legislation that may make shameful episodes of union corruption like we're seeing at the UAW even more common makes a hearing timely and appropriate.

For your reference, our two previous letters on this subject are attached. Once again, we urge you to follow in the footsteps of previous generations of Congressional Democrats who have investigated widespread labor corruption, such as Senator John F. Kennedy, and hold a hearing to examine the appalling UAW scandal. We request that this hearing take place by March 31, 2020. We look forward to your response and hope that you will commit to examining this important issue on behalf of UAW members and the American people.

Sincerely,



Rep. Virginia Foxx
Ranking Member



Rep. Tim Walberg
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Health, Employment,
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CC: Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy

² See Robert Snell & Daniel Howes, *UAW President Rory Gamble under federal investigation*, DET. NEWS, Jan. 8, 2020.

³ See H.R. 2474, 116th Cong. § 2(k) (2019).