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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Sister Alejandra,

Re: Ratification at General Motors Silao

It is with an overflowing heart that I send you this note, congratulating you and the SINTTIA bargaining committee for the tremendous ratification result at the Silao facility on May 25 and 26.

As you know, our union – and autoworkers all throughout Canada – watched this remarkable process unfold over the past year in Guanajuato. Unifor has stood proudly behind SINTTIA, whether on the streets of Silao, in worker action centres, or in various strategy sessions, as you attempted to do what so many in North America thought impossible – bringing real democratic unionism to Mexican autoworkers.

I believe the ratification result today was as much a reflection of SINTTIA's impressive and strategic bargaining with General Motors, as it was the willpower, principle and integrity upon which your union leadership stands.

Having been a trade union leader for many decades, I am not sure I have ever felt so much hope and pride in our workers' movement than I do on this day.

This is an historic day for autoworkers in Mexico, in Canada and all throughout the world.

Sister, I speak for 315,000 Unifor members when I say that I look forward to meeting you in person at our National Convention in August, and having you address our Convention delegates. Your story of bravery, against all odds, is exactly what union activists need to hear right now.

You are an inspiration.

In solidarity,



Lana Payne
National Secretary-Treasurer

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