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## **United at GE**

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IUE-CWA Local 81201 Lynn, MA

IUE-CWA Local 83701 Madisonville, KY

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## Don't miss an update!

GE bosses don't want us to know how much power we have. But we know that when we stand together, we win together. That's why we have been taking action to win the future we deserve. With major activities gearing up in states across the country, you don't want to miss out on any campaign news.

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Elected officers from Local 201 (Lynn, MA), Local 301 (Schenectady, NY), Local 1004 (Arkansas City, KS), Local 701 (Madisonville, KY) and IUE-CWA International staff came together to discuss developments at GE and prepare for bargaining. The national contract expires in June 2023.

GE intends to break up and spin-off the Healthcare division in early 2023, and then Power (with Digital and Renewables) in mid-2024. Investors are skeptical of these plans, with GE's stock down nearly 30% since the split was announced in late 2021.

IUE-CWA has a national contract with GE, and each local negotiates additional language and economics specific to their site. IUE-CWA bargains jointly with fellow GE worker unions IAM, UAW, IFPTE and IBEW to increase our collective negotiating power.

With support from the International, IUE-CWA Locals 201, 301, 1004, and 701 are forming a national Mobilization Committee and actively recruiting campaign captains at the local level. For more info or to join a training, go to <a href="bit.ly/GEcaptains">bit.ly/GEcaptains</a> or call the hall. Solidarity and knowledge make us strong!

# WATCH & SHARE: GE Stakeholders Criticize Company's Direction Before Big Wall Street Meeting

On May 2nd, IUE-CWA President Carl Kennebrew kicked off the <u>first General</u> <u>Electric Annual Stakeholders Meeting</u> by sending a clear message:

"We're calling on GE for a bold \$5 billion investment in U.S. manufacturing, an end to offshoring and outsourcing, a worker seat on the Board of Directors, and a shareholder vote on the planned split so we can protect good-paying union jobs."

Our event united a national coalition of environmentalists, academics, elected leaders, security experts and workers in the call for GE to reinvest in American aviation and green power manufacturing, just days before GE's annual shareholder meeting.

GE's plan to spend \$3 billion on stock buybacks and \$2.5 billion on its split, combined with rampant offshoring and its failure to invest in our plants, doesn't just hurt our families and our communities, it hurts our country. Our campaign's event put investors on notice–GE's current trajectory is a threat to secure supply chains, our nation's military, a green energy transition, and America's manufacturing future.



#### **Video Highlights**

Catch all the big moments from the event by going to <a href="https://bit.ly/GEHighlights">https://bit.ly/GEHighlights</a> or scanning the QR code and sharing it with your friends. Watch the full event at <a href="https://bit.ly/GEStakeholdersEvent">https://bit.ly/GEStakeholdersEvent</a>

# We're Training Up & Taking the Fight to the Shop Floor!

To win big, we need to get organized and that's what our GE campaign captain program is all about! Forty-five members at Locals 201 and 301 completed training, and we are actively recruiting new captains in all our GE shops for Summer 2022 workshops.

Each training is a day-long, member-led workshop giving GE workers the tools we need to build power on the shop floor. The company wins when we are divided and we need captains to help build solidarity in each shop as we prepare for bargaining.

GE workers have always risen to the occasion by organizing and fighting for themselves and their families. Now it's our turn. For more info or to join an upcoming training, go to <a href="https://bit.ly/GEcaptains">bit.ly/GEcaptains</a> or call the hall.

# Our Message to Sen. Portman: Stop GE Lighting from Snuffing Out America's Lights, Protect Our Jobs!

The same week Congress failed to pass Made in USA requirements for LED light bulbs the Defense Department buys, GE Lighting, a Savant company, announced it would close its Ohio plants in Bucyrus and Logan and lay off hundreds of union workers.

GE spun off its lighting division in 2020, but still profits from the brand we helped build, even as its partner, Savant, snuffs out U.S. LED production.

Saving good union jobs shouldn't be partisan. In fact, many GE Lighting workers are proud lifelong Republicans. The Made in USA light bulb amendment passed a U.S. House committee with unanimous support from Democrats and Republicans. But Sen. Portman and Senate Republicans did not stand with Ohio workers to pass the bill.

GE Lighting workers went to Columbus to deliver a petition to Sen. Portman urging him to protect these jobs and stop companies like GE Lighting from offshoring and outsourcing. We will continue our call for all politicians to hold companies like GE accountable.



#### Campaign Captain's Corner



Left to right Wanda Beshesrs, Marchelle Hopson, Kim Davis

Name: Marchelle Hopson Title: NDE Technician

Local: 83701 Years of Service: 18

Why She Is A Campaign Captain:

"I'm fighting for the future so my family can have the opportunity to work at GE like I do. I'm tired of the tier system created to divide us! Everyone deserves the same decent living wage, affordable health care, and safe working conditions.



Sign up online to become a campaign captain:

bit.ly/GEcaptains

## ICYMI - Our Campaign In The News

Our campaign has been making news!
Our rally in Ohio calling on Sen.
Portman to protect GE Lighting jobs
was on the front page of the Bucyrus
Telegraph-Forum as well as ABC News
Columbus. Our GE stakeholder event
was featured in a top New York newspaper as well as Yahoo Finance. And
our fight to restore healthcare for
families of GE workers was highlighted
by the Daily Beast. Click here to view
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