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TO: All Region 1A Local Union Presidents, Recording and Financial Secretaries

RE: **Call Letter for the 2026 National CAP Conference**

Plans are underway for the 2026 National CAP Conference!

OUR TIME TO LEAD: BUILDING POWER FOR THE WORKING CLASS

We are in a vital moment for the labor movement and our country. We are facing unprecedented attacks on working families and unions. The world's richest 1% own more than the bottom 95% combined. Corporations are raking in record profits, while workers get left behind. Billionaires are doing everything they can to divide workers and pit us against one another. Our union, the UAW, must lead if we have any shot at uniting and winning for the working class. This year's CAP Conference is focused on building our political muscle to win at the bargaining table; in the legislative halls and at the ballot box; and on our core issues: wages, healthcare, retirement, and getting our time back.

It will be held at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC, convening **Sunday, February 8 and concluding Wednesday, February 11**. The National CAP Conference is open to all active and retired members ready to help build a member-centered, member-driven political program. We encourage all attendees to be V-CAP contributors to show their commitment to building our union's political power.

Please emphasize the following with all members attending:

- Participation and attendance at the conference plenary sessions, activities, and workshops is mandatory. This is our only opportunity to meet nationally to learn from one another to build our political strength.
- All Attendees must participate in our lobbying visits on the Hill to make sure elected officials know our core priorities as a union and feel accountable to UAW members.
- The conference closes Wednesday afternoon. Return flights should not be booked before 3:00 p.m. that evening.

This Call Letter lays out the registration, hotel, and travel information. The application process for credentials and hotel registration is available online only.

The UAW member registration fee is \$325. Unlike past years, the UAW will not be able to accommodate members' guests, including spouses, partners, and/or companions. No refunds will be granted for cancelled registrations. Local unions or CAP Councils may replace member attendees (pending approval from the Regional Director). Registration deadline for the hotel is January 18, 2026.

Online Registration Approval process for Regions

We are solely using an online registration process for this conference. Weekly registration reports will be forwarded to the Regional Directors for approval by the close of business each Friday. Any prospective attendees in the registration system that have not been approved by a Regional Director will be removed from the system.

Finally, the V-CAP sales booth application form is part of the registration instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact the National CAP Department at 313-926-5531. To access the registration site, use the following URL and password **which is case sensitive.**

<https://cap.uaw.org>

Username: CAP2026

Password: UAWCAP

In solidarity,



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“Building Power for the Working Class”
UAW National CAP Conference
Washington, DC
February 8-11, 2026

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INTRO

We are in a vital moment for the labor movement and for our country. We are facing unprecedented attacks on working families and unions. The world's richest 1% own more than the bottom 95% combined. Corporations are raking in record profits, while workers get left behind. Billionaires are doing everything they can to divide workers and pit us against one another.

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The conference will showcase speakers who are leading in their communities, bold legislative solutions for a working-class agenda, and workshops that build the skills necessary to build political power from the ground up.

SCHEDULE

Location	Date	Arrival and Registration
Washington Hilton 1919 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC 20009 (202) 483-3000	Sunday, February 8 through Wednesday, February 11	Saturday & Sunday February 7-8

Quick Overview Agenda	
Saturday February 7	Travel Day Registration 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday February 8	Travel Day Registration 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Opening Plenary Session 3:00 p.m. Dinner & Event
Monday February 9	Regional Breakfasts 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Plenary/Workshops 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday February 10	Workshops/Lobby on the Hill 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Evening Reception w/ Community Partners & Political Allies
Wednesday February 11	White Shirt Day Constituency Breakfasts 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Plenary 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Conference ends at 12:00 p.m. Note: arrange travel for after 3 p.m.

ATTENDEES

All active and retired UAW members are welcome to register and attend the 2026 National CAP Conference in Washington, DC, pending the Regional Director's approval.

National CAP wants to encourage as much participation as possible, and should include:

1. International Officers and Regional Directors
2. All CAP Staff Representatives
3. Members from state CAP councils
4. Members from each area CAP council
5. Members selected from local unions active on CAP committees
6. Retirees

Each Regional Director and Officer may send (3) additional members of their staff, beyond the allocation for CAP Representatives. **The Assistant Director or Administrative Assistant would be counted as one of the three additional staff.**

We highly encourage all attendees to be V-CAP contributors to show their commitment to building our union's political power.

UAW officers and Regional Directors will invite distinguished guests and allies to participate in various segments of the conference; however the conference will be centered on UAW members and our political program. All distinguished guests must be approved by the respective Officer or Regional Director, and the President of the International Union.

Unlike past CAP conferences, the UAW is unable to accommodate any guests of our member participants, including spouses, partners, and/or companions, at the CAP conference where meals are provided. Our deepest apologies.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2026 National CAP Conference will take place online. Local unions already set up for ACH payments can pay online for member attendees.

Again, our apologies, the UAW is unable to accommodate member participants' guests at the CAP conference.

There will be no refunds given for cancelled registrations. Local unions or CAP councils may replace member attendees. The registration fee for active and retired UAW members is \$325.

If paying by check, make it payable to: **International Union, UAW**

Mail to: UAW National CAP Department
 8000 E. Jefferson Ave.
 Detroit, MI 48214

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

All active and retiree UAW members attending the 2026 National CAP Conference must fill out an online application at the site below.

All entries are case sensitive: <https://cap.uaw.org>
 Username: CAP2026
 Password: UAWCAP

Applications can be filled out by the applicants, officers or staff of the local union, or CAP council.

If a member and/or local is unable to register online, please call (313) 926-5531.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

The 2026 National CAP Conference will be held at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC.

All attending members must register their hotel rooms at
<https://book.passkey.com/go/UnitedAutoWorkersCAPConference>.

All hotel reservations and cancellations are the responsibility of the respective conference attendee. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

The UAW-negotiated rate is \$239 per night, plus applicable taxes and fees. Hotel check-in time is 4:00 p.m.; check-out is 11:00 a.m.

CAP Conference registration will be on the Terrace level of the hotel which can be accessed through the lobby or the T-street entrance of the hotel.

*****Cut-off date for reservations is January 18, 2026.** Reservations requested after this date will be accommodated based on hotel availability. Please note one-night's room deposit is required for all reservations.

AIRLINE RESERVATION INFORMATION

Conference attendees are responsible for making their own travel arrangements, and the cost of the airline reservation is the responsibility of the local union and/or CAP council. Arrangements can be made through TSI by calling 866-397-0667.

TRANSPORTATION

UAW member attendees can fly in/out of any of the (3) airports in the Washington, DC Metropolitan areas: Reagan National Airport (DCA) 8 miles away, Dulles International Airport (IAD) 30 miles away, or Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) 33 miles away.

Uber/taxis are highly encouraged for members. Parking can be difficult to find and expensive.

EXPENSE GUIDELINES

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Lost time, transportation, hotel costs and the \$325 member registration fee will be paid by participating local unions, CAP councils, outside organizations, and, where appropriate, from retiree regional funds. Seven meals will be provided and should be deducted from any per diems: Sunday dinner, Monday breakfast and lunch, Tuesday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Wednesday breakfast.

Adherence to these financial guidelines will expedite the registration process at the conference and in some cases, prevent issues at the CAP Conference registration desk and be greatly appreciated.

TUESDAY RECEPTION

We encourage you to contact your legislators and invite them to attend the UAW reception on Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this event is for UAW members to share an evening with their congressional elected officials and national partner groups and allies.

If a congressperson cannot attend, it is not necessary for them to send aides or staff for representation.

DRESS ATTIRE

Winters in Washington, DC can be cold but are much milder than January weather in the Midwest or Northeast. Temperatures generally range from 30 to 40 F, with frosty mornings and occasional snow, rarely sticks. Down jacket/coat is appropriate, gloves and a warm hat are recommended, and temperatures dip in the evenings.

Dress attire for the National CAP Conference is business casual, wear what you are comfortable in. Members will wear everything from UAW-branded polos, hoodies and some will choose to wear suits to go lobby on the Hill with lawmakers. Members may want to dress up for the Tuesday political and allies reception. It is your preference throughout the conference.

DC is a walking town. comfortable shoes and warm socks because you'll be walking throughout different parts of the trip. We will have transportation for attendees with mobility issues.

*****Only Ask***: Please bring a WHITE shirt to wear on Wednesday, February 11th, to commemorate the end of the 1937 Flint Sit-Down Strike, the final day of the conference.**

V-CAP SALES BOOTH

All UAW local unions and CAP councils will be able to sell their merchandise during the 2024 National CAP Conference. They will be allowed one eight-foot table for sales.

The application to have a V-CAP sales booth is attached as an addendum. Locals or CAP councils must complete the form and submit it to their Regional Director for approval. Once approved, the Region will forward the form to the National CAP Department.

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2026 UAW National CAP Conference V-CAP SALES BOOTH FORM

Date: _____

Contact Person: _____

Local Union/CAP Council: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Regional Director

Date

Once approved by the Regional Director, this form should be sent to the National CAP Department at rcarrigan@uaw.net.

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