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Mr. Gerald Kariem, Director
Mr. Steve Dawes, Asst. Director
c/o Mr. David Kelly, Region 1D CAP Coordinator

Gentlemen:

I am writing to you at the urging of Mr. Art Luna, Democratic Chair for the 7th Congressional District. Art mentioned that there may be a possibility that the Branch County Democrats could receive support from the UAW in the form of a sponsorship for one or both of our 2019 fund raising events. Our two events are our annual Picnic (scheduled for August 21), and our annual Levin Dinner (scheduled for October 9).

The Branch County Dems have been making significant strides since the election of 2016. By the time of the 2018 mid-term election, we had increased our active Precinct Delegates from five in 2016 to twenty-two by the time of the 2018 election. We turned out more than 26 volunteers in the six weeks prior to the election to conduct door-to-door canvassing and for the first time in history, the State Democratic Party assigned a worker to our County to assist our volunteer group. The result of this action was that we garnered nearly 40% of votes in the County for many of our State-wide candidates. The city of Coldwater was nearly 50% and we actually had a majority in two of the four wards of the city, the largest populated town in the County! This is recognized as a substantial achievement in a County as conservative as ours.

While we have several retired members from labor in our group, we have struggled to make effective contact with any of the labor unions which may be active in our area. We would like nothing more than to have the material support of the UAW as well as other great unions, both financially as well as with their time and efforts, to move Democratic Values to the fore in Branch County!

If the UAW were able to provide funds in support of one or both of our annual events, I assure you we would put them to effective use as we approach the important 2020 election cycle. While any amount would be welcome, if you were able to support our events in the range of \$2,000 - \$2,500 we would be

most appreciative and of course the UAW's support would be advertised and displayed prominently at the sponsored event.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you would like to propose any alternative offer – either financial or in manpower – we would be happy to have that discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. McMillan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

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