

# **“My turn is to workers on the factory floor”: Highlights from UAW presidential candidate Will Lehman’s debate with the union bureaucracy**

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*On September 22, UAW presidential candidate Will Lehman took part in a historic debate involving UAW President Ray Curry, longtime UAW bureaucrat Shawn Fain, and other candidates running in the election.*

*The full video can be accessed at [WillforUAWpresident.org/debatelive](http://WillforUAWpresident.org/debatelive). We are publishing below excerpts of the debate, which have been posted by Lehman on Twitter and YouTube.*

**Introduction: “The UAW bureaucracy is part of management”**

**“My experience is the experience of rank-and-file workers”**

**“The working class needs to fight for everything it’s going to gain”**

**“Abolish the bureaucracy that can’t be trusted with our dues money”**

**“I’m calling for the abolition of the parasitic layer”**

**“The UAW bureaucracy is corrupt, not rank-and-file workers”**

**“Every one of the trade unions is failing their members”**

**“We need global unity to face multi-national corporations”**

**“If we organize internationally, we can shut these companies down”**

**“Every worker needs to understand that they should have the power directly in their hands”**

**“I’m a socialist: I’m advancing a workers’ agenda”**

**“We must reorganize society to meet human need, not private profit”**

**“The UAW doesn’t care about working class women”**

**“My turn is to workers on the factory floor”**

**Conclusion: “Stand up and fight back!”**



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