Detroit autoworkers support lawsuit to extend deadline on UAW election

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Supporters of United Auto Workers (UAW) presidential candidate Will Lehman went to the Stellantis (Chrysler) Warren Truck Assembly plant Thursday afternoon to inform workers about the lawsuit Lehman filed in federal court to guarantee the right of all UAW members to vote in the elections for top union officers.

Lehman is suing the UAW and the court-appointed monitor and is demanding a delay of all voting-related deadlines by 30 days due to widespread reports that workers are unaware of the election and that the mechanism for workers' obtaining ballots has broken down.

"We all should have the right to choose," said Asia, a young worker who said that neither she nor her dad—a retired Chrysler worker—had received their ballots. Commenting on Lehman's demand that workers have an additional 30 days to get their ballots and vote, she said, "It should be… This is for our future."

"If a lawsuit is necessary to have our right to vote enforced, then I'm all for it, a hundred percent," said Steven, a worker with nine years at the plant. "We've been given the right to vote from way back in the Civil Rights movement."

"I think it's necessary," Darlena, a worker with two years, said about the lawsuit. "People should have the right to have the time in to vote. If everybody hasn't voted, it's not right, it's not a fair count. So, I think it should happen. It's for the people, we got to choose for us."

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