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TO: ALL IPS LOCAL PRESIDENTS

**RE: UNIFOR EV AUTO SECTOR UPSKILLING/TRAINING PROJECT –
MANUFACTURING FUNDAMENTALS CERTIFICATE+ GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

The EV and tariff transition has affected many Unifor workers within the sector, either through plant closures or mass layoffs. However, with this transition comes opportunity for our members to grow and many meaningful job opportunities will be becoming available. With these important transitions comes the need for workers to upskill and retrain to qualify.

Unifor, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development has developed a project for Unifor Automotive IPS workers who have been affected by the EV and tariff transition, to acquire upskilling/training through a grant application process.

Currently, St. Clair College has a Manufacturing Fundamentals Certificate program available, with additional EV battery and over 10 other specialized workshops added to the program. The program was developed by St. Clair College. The Program will be an instructor led on-line delivery through St. Clair College's portal.

Unifor's EV Auto Sector Upskilling/Training Project is currently taking applications from qualified individuals who want to take and are committed to completing the course.

Attached is more details about the Manufacturing Fundamentals Certificates program, and how to apply to be considered for the grant.

The class size is limited.

For any questions, please contact Linda Poho at 519-253-1107 ext. 7 or Linda.Poho@unifor.org

In Solidarity,

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