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Wayne County Delegation Arrives in Turin, Italy

County Executive, Business leaders, UAW President to meet with Chrysler CEO, Fiat Suppliers

Turin, Italy – Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, accompanied by metro Detroit business leaders and UAW leadership, have arrived in Turin, Italy, and will begin a full five day schedule with a welcome dialogue between UAW, business, government and Chrysler/Fiat leadership. The 21 person delegation will visit four Fiat suppliers over the course of the three days in Turin, and will then travel to Paris, France for the Paris Motor Show Thursday and Friday this week.

“In order to move Michigan forward, we have to leverage our assets, which includes a skilled workforce, infrastructure, and accessibility to 60% of the nation’s population within 12 hours,” said Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano. “This mission will not only communicate the partnership between organized labor, government and business to engage and attract investment, but will showcase resources and assets unique to Michigan.”

The delegation will visit Fiat suppliers and dealerships throughout the mission, engaging suppliers in numerous one-on-one sessions regarding the assets locating in Michigan can provide their companies. Fiat plans to develop and build cars in the United States as part of the Chrysler LLC/Fiat merger in the coming years. Also, leadership will have an educational and informative session with Chrysler LLC President Sergio Marchionne.

In panel discussion this morning with Fiat suppliers, UAW President Bob King reaffirmed his commitment of the UAW being involved in discussions, and a partner in working with business and government to ensure companies are making the highest quality product within a competitive structure.

Included in the delegation: Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne Deputy County Executive Azzam Elder, Wayne County Chief Development Officer Turkia Awada Mullin, Detroit Regional Chamber President and CEO Sandy Baruah, Walbridge Chairman John Rakolta, Jr., Ghafari Associates President Yousif Ghafari, Tom Manganello, attorney, Warner Norcross and Judd, UAW President Bob King, UAW Vice President General Holiefield, UAW Vice President Cindy Estrada.

The Delegation will be in Turin through Wednesday, September 29, and move to Paris through October 1. The mission is sponsored through private funds through individuals committed to continual economic development and growth in Michigan.

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