

# IUE CWA

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# United at GE

IUE-CWA Local 86004  
Arkansas City, KS

IUE-CWA Local 81301  
Schenectady, NY

IUE-CWA Local 81201  
Lynn, MA

IUE-CWA Local 83701  
Madisonville, KY

IUE-CWA Local 87140  
Nationwide

IUE-CWA Local 81303  
Nationwide



## Don't miss an update!

GE bosses don't want us to know how much power we have. But we know that when we stand together, we win together. That's why we have been taking action to win the future we deserve. With major activities gearing up in states across the country, you don't want to miss out on any campaign news

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## Solidarity Makes Us Strong: GE Locals Meet to Mobilize for Bargaining, Coordinate Solidarity Activities, and Train Members

Leaders from our GE Locals met at IUE-CWA's Division meeting in Las Vegas, NV and the week prior in Columbus, OH to prepare for bargaining. Leaders from each local participated in a number of trainings and built ties to prepare for our Contract fight and investment campaign. Bargaining surveys were also finalized and are on the shop floor now. Please scan the barcode on the back to fill yours out now!

## Inflation Hits 9.1% – Highest Since 1981! All GE Workers and Retirees Need and Deserve Inflation Protection Payments NOW!

Across the country the rising cost of living is making it harder for all workers to pay the bills and provide for our families. Almost a tenth of our buying power has disappeared in less than a year, burning holes through family budgets. GE must ensure our wages keep up with rising costs.

**IUE-CWA is calling on GE to provide each and every GE worker and retiree with full inflation protection NOW.**

"This is not a wage raise, which we definitely deserve and will be seeking in contract negotiations — this is simply a demand to keep us even — by restoring and protecting the buying power we have lost to runaway inflation" said Jerry Carney, IUE-CWA CBC Chair.

GE knows inflation is a huge problem — and they are doing something about it — for the sole benefit of management and shareholders. To deal with rising costs and supply chain disruptions, GE's CEO Larry Culp recently announced the company will raise prices by more than \$500 million dollars in 2022.



"GE is jacking up customers' prices as the value of our paycheck dwindles everyday. GE can spend \$5 billion to break up the company, but the workers who created that value are footing the bill instead of getting the inflation relief we need. We must stand together as we prepare to bargain our new contract with GE and make clear that our Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) must adequately address the inflation crisis

we're facing," added Adam Kaszynski, President of Local 201 in Lynn, MA.

Local 201 is currently in bargaining over improvements to the market based wage system in Lynn.

## Complete Your Bargaining Survey Now!

Our next GE contract should deliver on the issues most important to you and your family. Now is the time to make your voice heard about what you are willing to fight for! A new survey from the bargaining committee asks you to share your biggest priorities for the new contract and what you are willing to fight for. Scan the QR code below to complete the survey or ask your campaign captain or shop steward for a hard copy.



<http://bit.ly/Local201Survey>

## GE Lied – Now You Might Qualify for Compensation as a Shareholder

In June, the claims process for GE Fair Fund was opened. **It will distribute up to \$200 million to GE investors who qualify.** The fund was established by the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission to distribute civil penalties to investors affected by GE's [failure to disclose material information](#) about its power and insurance businesses. Investors who purchased GE Common stock between Oct. 16, 2015 and Jan. 16, 2018 are eligible if they meet certain requirements. Claims must be submitted by October 19, 2022. Visit: [GEfairfund.com](http://GEfairfund.com) or call (800) 511-6120 for more information.



## IUE-CWA President Carl Kennebrew Visits White House to Support Partnership for Union, "Made in America" Manufacturing for Offshore Wind Energy

On June 23, 2022, the White House launched a formal partnership with 11 East Coast governors to boost the growing offshore wind industry. IUE-CWA President Carl Kennebrew joined other labor leaders to meet with the governors and top Administration officials to discuss ways to expand key segments of the offshore industry, including manufacturing facilities, ports, and workforce training and development.

"IUE-CWA is very supportive of state and federal efforts at building out an ambitious agenda for offshore wind turbine manufacturing and installation here in the United States. Many new jobs can be created, electricity generated, and carbon emissions reduced. We want all the offshore wind manufacturing jobs of the future to be family-sustaining union jobs," President Kennebrew said.

IUE-CWA represents thousands of General Electric workers, including manufacturing workers in Schenectady, N.Y., America's original "Electric City."

"GE is a major player in the wind energy industry globally, but they have not committed to manufacturing their next-gen **Haliades** offshore wind turbines here in the United States. We are asking them to do so, and expand unionized employment right here in America," added President Kennebrew.

In May 2022, IUE-CWA President Carl Kennebrew was part of a labor delegation to Denmark and Germany to meet with companies, developers, government officials, pension funds, and European labor unions involved in the offshore wind industry – which is well established there.



*IUE-CWA President Carl Kennebrew along with other labor and industry leaders, met with governors and Administration officials at the White House to promote a new partnership for union, "Made in America" manufacturing for offshore wind energy.*



## Campaign Captain's Corner

**Name:** Frank Kill

**Title:** Engine Mechanic

**Local:** 86004

**Years of Service:** 6 years

**Why He Is A Campaign Captain:**

I want to fight for a good contract for my family and future GE workers. We all deserve affordable health care premiums and insurance that's widely accepted like it used to be. I'm also tired of the favoritism and unequal treatment GE uses to divide workers. We must continue to stand together for this contract and for our future!

For more info or to join an upcoming training, go to [bit.ly/GEcaptains](http://bit.ly/GEcaptains) or call the hall to learn more.

