



# SHOP TALK

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TO: Public Community

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UAW Local 677 is writing to express our profound disappointment upon learning of the Volvo Group's decision to build its new operations in Mexico. This news comes as a significant blow and leaves us feeling disheartened and concerned about the future of the American Made Mack Truck. Mack is an iconic American brand but more importantly, the class 8 heavy duty truck that was built solely in the Lehigh Valley.

The Volvo Group's decision to build a 1.7 million square foot facility in Mexico, not only affects the future of the employees, but also has broader implications for the future of the community. Potential future job losses in Macungie will undoubtedly impact our local economy.

Furthermore, building a brand-new facility in Mexico may raise questions about the Volvo Group's commitment to ethical business practices, including labor standards for health and safety as well as environmental responsibilities. While the UAW understands the complexities of the global market, we urge them to consider the long-term consequences of this decision beyond a short-term gain.

The UAW implores the Volvo Group to reconsider this move and explore alternative solutions with the UAW, that prioritize the future of all employees, customers, and the community and urge all UAW Local 677 members, local and state political leaders, community members, and customers to support us and keep the Class 8 Heavy Duty Truck built in America and more importantly, keep it in the Lehigh Valley for future generations.

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