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Machinists Union Locals 388 and 1191 Members at Eaton Mission Systems Division of Davenport on Strike for Retirement Security, Fair Health Care Benefits

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Feb. 19, 2022 – More than 400 Machinists Union Local 388 and Machinists Union Local 1191 (District 6) members who work at Eaton Mission Systems Division of Davenport are on strike for retirement security and fair health care benefits and wages. The strike began at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 18. Members are currently on the picket line.

Machinists Union members at Eaton Mission Systems Division of Davenport voted almost unanimously to strike after management made a contract offer with sub-standard wages, reduced health care benefits and decreased 401(k) retirement matching contributions.

“We refuse to accept sub-standard wages or the erosion of our health care and retirement benefits,” **said IAM District 6 Directing Business Representative John Herrig**. “IAM Local 388 and IAM Local 1191 members are fighting for a contract that will make life better for themselves and their families. The past two years have been tough during the pandemic, especially as essential manufacturing workers. All we are asking for is a fair share produced from the blood, sweat and tears of work that makes Eaton Mission Systems Division of Davenport successful. We hope that the company will hear our call for respect and dignity from the picket line.”

“IAM members at Local 388 and Local 1191 deserve a contract that improves their lives and not one that makes it worse,” **said IAM Midwest Territory General Vice President Steve Galloway**. “The IAM will utilize all of our resources to ensure our members at Eaton Mission Systems Division of Davenport receive a contract that is worthy of their hard work and allows them at the end of each workday to hold their heads up high.”

IAM District 6 is one of the largest districts in Iowa, representing active and retired members in several different industries.

The **International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM)** is among the largest industrial trade unions in North America and represents nearly 600,000 active and retired members in the manufacturing, aerospace, defense, airline, railroad, transportation, shipbuilding, woodworking, health care, and other industries.

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