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Milwaukee Area Labor Council Stands in Solidarity with UAW Local 469 Workers *Calls on Master Lock to reverse decision to close Milwaukee plant*

Milwaukee, Wisconsin— County Executive David Crowley, Mayor Cavalier Johnson, representatives of Senator Tammy Baldwin and Congresswoman Gwen Moore as well as Executive Board members from the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, Waukesha Area Labor Council, and the Wisconsin AFL-CIO will join hundreds of union workers today at a rally in Milwaukee outside the Master Lock plant gates.

Founded in 1921 in Milwaukee, Master Lock recently announced the abrupt closure of the Milwaukee location. As noted by Mayor Johnson “it is a slap in the face to the hardworking Milwaukee employees” at the plant. The United Auto Workers union is mobilizing in support of the 330 workers represented by Local 469 to call on Master Lock management to keep the jobs here in Milwaukee, noting 2 billion dollars in profit last year alone.

“It’s frustrating at time like this when our elected officials work to revive American manufacturing in Wisconsin, to face the possibility of losing so many family-supporting jobs in the heart of our community” stated Pam Fendt, President of Milwaukee Area Labor Council. “We remain hopeful that this rally shows the company what these jobs mean to the community and that they will rethink their decision,” stated Decorah Gordon, Chair of the Labor Council’s Civil Rights Committee

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