



October 28, 2024

United Steelworkers
Attn: President David McCall
1155 Connecticut Ave NW #500
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. McCall,

On behalf of Driving Force Action, we are writing to respectfully ask the United Steelworkers to reconsider its endorsement of Vice President Kamala Harris for the upcoming presidential election. We are aware that the Steelworkers have been longstanding advocates for protecting American jobs and, in particular, have expressed concerns in the past about BYD, a Chinese electric vehicle company.

As you know, BYD has been associated with substantial ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and has raised concerns regarding its potential impact on U.S. national security and American jobs, including those of steelworkers. Vice President Harris's campaign has recently been reported to have accepted a \$50,000 donation from BYD's top U.S. executive, Ke Li. We understand that this may conflict with the concerns the Steelworkers have raised in the past regarding foreign influences and the protection of American industries, particularly in the steel and manufacturing sectors.

In 2019, the United Steelworkers rightfully warned about BYD's expansion into the U.S. electric bus market, highlighting the risks to American workers and industries. BYD has received significant support from state subsidies and military-civil fusion efforts in China, which has enabled its growth in a way that could undermine U.S. industries. Members of Congress continue to raise these concerns, particularly regarding BYD's manufacturing strategies abroad.

Given this context, we ask that you consider whether the contribution from BYD's leadership might warrant a reassessment of your union's endorsement of Vice President Harris, and we hope you will join us in demanding Vice President Harris return the donation. We hope Vice President Harris will distance her campaign from such foreign entities, demonstrating her commitment to protecting American jobs by returning the donation.

We deeply respect the United Steelworkers' mission and values and recognize your commitment to advocating for the best interests of American workers. In this spirit, we respectfully ask that the endorsement be reconsidered unless this issue is addressed. We hope the union's values will guide this decision, keeping American steelworkers' interests at the forefront.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your thoughtful response on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Driving Force Action

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