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TO: International Executive Board
FROM: Legislative Department
SUBJECT: Weekly Legislative Update on the Trump Administration

1) TRADE & MANUFACTURING

The House Energy and Commerce Committee voted to advance its package of bills for the surface transportation reauthorization, which included a section [banning](#) Chinese owned corporations from manufacturing or selling vehicles in the United States. The UAW strongly supported this section of the package and sent a letter to members of the Committee urging their support.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee also voted to advance its package of bills for the surface transportation reauthorization, which included [new standards](#) for the deployment of autonomous commercial trucks.

15 Senate Democrats led by Senator Baldwin sent a UAW-endorsed [letter](#) to the USTR urging the administration to prioritize workers in the USMCA review. The letter calls on the administration to address offshoring, labor rights enforcement, and the persistent wage gap between Mexican and U.S. workers.

The U.S. will hold its first [formal round of negotiations](#) with Mexico regarding the USMCA review next week, focusing on rules of origin and economic security. The UAW hosted a [public webinar](#) for press and policy stakeholders laying out our demands for the review ahead of the negotiations.

2) LABOR

After being [lobbied](#) by fellow billionaires David Sacks (President Trump's former White House czar for AI and crypto), Elon Musk, and Mark Zuckerberg, Trump [delayed](#) signing an executive order on artificial intelligence that would have merely given the federal government the ability to conduct voluntary reviews of AI products before they are released to the public. Trump stated that he "didn't like certain aspects of it" and was concerned it would hinder America's ability to compete with China in the AI race.

3) IMMIGRATION

The Trump administration [announced](#) that most green card applicants will now be required to return to their home countries for application and processing. This change is likely to result in significant harm and family separation for hundreds of thousands of people.

4) CONGRESS

Trump's goal of passing Reconciliation 2.0 (to fund agencies within the Department of Homeland Security that deal with immigration enforcement) prior to June 1st fell apart quickly this week. Senate Republicans were initially delayed when the Senate parliamentarian ruled against the proposed \$1 billion in funding for Trump's new ballroom because it did not comply with the rules of reconciliation. Republicans [changed course](#) this week and decided to omit ballroom funding from the reconciliation package, as many within their ranks had concerns.

Republican leadership then cancelled plans on Thursday to hold the Senate’s reconciliation vote-a-rama series due to concerns from the rank-and-file about the DOJ’s new \$1.776 billion “Anti-Weaponization Fund.” This fund was [recently created](#) as part Trump’s settlement with the Department of Justice in the President’s \$10 billion lawsuit against the Internal Revenue Service over the leaking of his tax returns.

Representative Donald Norcross’ discharge petition for the Faster Labor Contracts Act has [reached](#) the required 218 signatures needed to force a vote on the bill. All but 1 Democrat (Henry Cuellar) signed onto the petition in addition to 7 Republicans: Mike Lawler (NY-17), Max Miller (OH-7), Rob Bresnahan (PA-8), Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1), Don Bacon (NE-2), Riley Moore (WV-2), and Nick LaLota (NY-1). A vote is expected in the coming weeks once Congress returns to DC starting June 1.

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