CLOCK IN, FAIN

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Workers launch "Clock In, Fain," the people's draft urging UAW President Shawn Fain to run for president in 2028

Volunteer effort opens a national "draft card" pledge for workers in every trade. The group raises no money and is not affiliated with Fain or the UAW.

USA (Nov. 23, 2026) A group of rank-and-file workers today launched Clock In, Fain, a volunteer-run draft effort urging United Auto Workers President Shawn Fain to run for President of the United States in 2028.

The group's website, ClockInFain.com, invites supporters to sign a "draft card" with their name, zip code and email. Volunteers will tally the cards by state to show how far support for a Fain candidacy reaches beyond the auto industry.

"They have billionaires. We have people," said a volunteer with Clock In, Fain. "Shawn Fain has spent his whole life on the side of people who punch a clock. We're not asking him for anything except to think about it. We're just putting it in writing that we'd have his back."

The launch comes weeks after Fain won a second term as UAW president with about 68 percent of the vote.

Fain, an electrician who started at the Chrysler plant in his hometown of Kokomo, Indiana, in 1994, became the first UAW president elected directly by members in 2023. That fall he led the Stand-Up Strike against GM, Ford and Stellantis. He has never held elected office.

Talk of a Fain run has grown through 2026. Politico Playbook reported in August that Fain had been approached about a presidential bid. In November, Axios reported that New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani planned to meet with Fain as part of talks with labor leaders about the 2028 race. Fain told The Detroit News in October that he has "no plans" to run.

"We take him at his word, and we respect the job his members just re-elected him to do," a volunteer said. "But workers have never won anything by waiting to be asked nicely. This is a standing invitation from the people who'd vote for him."

Clock In, Fain does not take a position on which party Fain should run with. The group does not solicit or accept contributions of any kind.

About Clock In, Fain

Clock In, Fain is a volunteer grassroots effort encouraging UAW President Shawn Fain to run for President of the United States in 2028. It is not authorized by, affiliated with or coordinated with Shawn Fain, the United Auto Workers, any candidate or any candidate's committee. Learn more and sign a draft card at ClockInFain.com.

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