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March 13, 2024

Mr. Rufus Cathey, President  
Auto Workers Local 719  
PO Box 489  
La Grange, IL 60525

Case Number: 310-6022877( )  
LM Number: 012-621

Dear Mr. Cathey:

This office has recently completed an audit of Auto Workers Local 719 under the Compliance Audit Program (CAP) to determine your organization's compliance with the provisions of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (LMRDA). As discussed during the exit interview with you, Treasurer Beverly Koval, and Recording Secretary Robert Anderson on March 5, 2024, the following problem was disclosed during the CAP. The matter listed below is not an exhaustive list of all possible problem areas since the audit conducted was limited in scope.

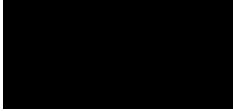
Reporting Violation

The audit disclosed a violation of LMRDA Section 201(b), which requires labor organizations to file annual financial reports accurately disclosing their financial condition and operations. The Labor Organization Annual Report (Form LM-2) filed by Local 719 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, was deficient in that Local 719 overreported Item 68 (Total Disbursements) by at least \$4,893. The union's total receipts for fiscal year 2020, as reconciled to the bank statements, was \$313,009. However, the amount reported in Item 68 on the 2020 LM-2 report was \$317,902. You advised that the union's previous administration prepared the 2020 LM-2 report, and you were unsure why it was not correctly reported.

I am not requiring that Local 719 file an amended LM report for 2020 to correct the deficient item, but Local 719 has agreed to properly report total disbursements on all future reports it files with OLMS.

I want to extend my personal appreciation to Auto Workers Local 719 for the cooperation and courtesy extended during this compliance audit. I strongly recommend that you make sure this letter and the compliance assistance materials provided to you are passed on to future officers. If we can provide any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Investigator

cc: Ms. Beverly Koval, Treasurer  
Mr. Robert Anderson, Recording Secretary