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## American Axle Strike Impact

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The United Auto Worker's strike against American Axle is now in its second month.

The strike has already forced General Motors to shut down dozens of plants across the country.

There are new fears the fallout could soon hit Mid-Michigan.

It's a long way from Lansing to the picket lines outside American Axle facilities in Metro Detroit but after nearly six weeks that strike is taking a major toll on the supplier's biggest customer, General Motors.

Patrick Anderson, Anderson Economic Group: "It's a very unfortunate situation for the workers involved, for the whole automobile industry."

And an expensive one GM. According to new estimates, the strike is costing the automaker more than \$ 200 million dollars per week.

Patrick Anderson: "When you're forced to shut down plants, those are extremely expensive operations to have idle."

As of right now, the strike has impacted production at 30 GM facilities, laying off nearly 40 thousand workers in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, New York, and even Canada. And it doesn't end there.

GM's other suppliers like Lear Corporation, Delphi, and Magna International have all had to idle facilities

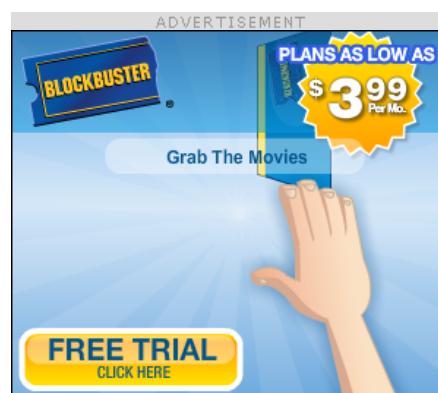
prompting fears that if the strike continues that ripple effect could move toward Mid-Michigan.

Patrick Anderson: "When we have a shutdown that affects General Motors entire North American operation, which is essentially what's creeping in, it's certainly going to affect us here in Lansing."

Anderson says a prolonged strike will deal a major blow to GM and the whole supplier chain.

Patrick Anderson: "There's no question that General Motors will have to start shutting down more assembly plants."

For now GM's future hangs on hopes that those striking workers will soon strike a deal.



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A spokesperson for General Motors says the strike is a day to day situation between American Axle and the UAW

GM won't put a dollar value on the strike or speculate on what other plants might be impacted if the strike continues.

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