



UAW Opposes A. 8248-A / S. 6600-A



This bill amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law to give special status to electric vehicle automakers – namely Tesla Motors – a viciously anti-union, anti-worker corporation – the ability to directly operate up to twenty dealerships across the State.

TESLA MOTORS

Tesla Motors, which manufactures electric vehicles in a plant in California, has a long track record of anti-union activity:

- The National Labor Relations Board is currently prosecuting the company for anti-union activities at the company's plant
- The company is also under investigation for terminating employees seeking representation with the UAW, who are exploring organizing their manufacturing plant
- In its Securities and Exchange Commission filings, Tesla zeroes in on union activities as a threat to their business

Tesla stands against workers' rights to organize, and this legislation should be seen as part of its strategy to undermine those rights.

JEOPARDIZING UNION JOBS

This bill allows New York State to abandon its franchise dealership system at the request of a single anti-union company – TESLA. New York's Franchise Law protects over 800 local businesses from unfair business practices:

- Unreasonable closures or dealership relocations
- Independently owned automobile dealers have enforceable rights that help keep their businesses open keeping franchised dealerships firmly rooted in the communities that depend on them
- These protections also benefit working families who have built their livelihoods around careers in the auto industry

SPECIAL STATUS TO TESLA IS WRONG

Tesla motors is the only business supporting this legislation because it simply does not want to play by the same rules as everyone else which require automakers to use franchised dealerships. Giving Tesla special treatment creates an uneven playing field putting other manufacturers and their franchisees at a competitive disadvantage. There is no reason why New York should take on the risk of this market disruption, as it only jeopardizes good paying jobs, many of which are provided by unionized dealerships.

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