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Dear Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries:

The most important work we do as a union involves bargaining and enforcing good contracts to secure fair wages, dependable benefits, and safe working conditions.

However, whether we like it or not, workplace health and safety, wage and overtime regulations, retirement security, even our right to organize and bargain collectively, are all tied to local, state, and federal laws and the people making them.

And if the wrong people are making these laws, the government will allow corporate interests to drown out our voices and our power.

That's why it's so important that our union participates in this process. With all the money in politics and all the lobbyists working on behalf of the already rich, the only way we're able to make ourselves heard is by coming together and demanding our elected officials work for us. This is work we do year-round through our Rapid Response networks and our Washington, D.C., office.

But, it can't stop there. We also must elect the right people. That starts with determining which candidates' values best align with ours as a union. To do this, we look at their backgrounds. We consider past voting records. We also ask them directly.

In the following pages, you'll see the questions we are sending to candidates across the political spectrum: Democrats, Republicans, and Independents.

Before we make any decision to endorse or support a candidate for federal office, the candidate must fill out and return this questionnaire. This allows us to see where they stand on our core issues including trade, collective bargaining, health care, infrastructure, workplace health and safety, and retirement security.

Your Union, Your Voice

We also want to hear about the issues that matter most to you. Beginning in January, we'll conduct a series of town hall meetings across the country. We hope you'll join us for a conversation about your priorities as we look ahead to the 2020 election. We'll share some of our union's work to impact government decisions as well.

We will also invite all members to participate in a survey so we can know where you stand on some of the biggest issues facing working Americans.

The stakes for this election are high. That's why your voice is an essential part of this process.

Our union is diverse and growing, but we share common values when it comes to fair pay, safe workplaces, and vibrant communities. Please take the time to read the following questionnaire, watch for details about the upcoming meetings, and share this information at your next local union meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you.

In solidarity,



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