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CWA President Larry Cohen Pledges His Super Delegate Vote to Senator Barack Obama

Washington, D.C. -- President Larry Cohen of the Communications Workers of America, a super delegate and member of the Democratic National Committee, today announced his commitment to support Senator Barack Obama as the Democratic presidential nominee.

Last November, in an online poll, CWA members indicated their preference for no CWA endorsement and worked on behalf of various candidates. In that poll, CWA members split their support among the candidates.

CWA's 2,000 elected convention delegates will consider endorsement at the union's convention in June; CWA represents 700,000 workers in communications, media, airlines, manufacturing and public service.

CWA President Cohen said: "We continue to encourage member activism in the remaining states and Puerto Rico. With the primary process nearly at an end, it's important for super delegates to decide and announce their commitments so that we all can focus on the November election and on the record of Senator John McCain, the Republican presumptive nominee.

"I'm convinced that Senator Obama's message of hope and 'change we can believe in' has resonated across our country. He is building a broad base of support, inspiring new voters to join in the political process and demonstrating great appeal to all those who are looking for positive leadership to move us beyond politics-as-usual in Washington.

"CWA is focused on four key issues to restore our nation's middle class – real health care reform, jobs and fair trade, retirement security and the restoration of real workers' rights through the Employee Free Choice Act. On these and more, Senator Obama has a solid program to move our nation forward and bring about the positive change and economic justice that American families need, now more than ever.

"Senator Obama will present a new direction globally and will work to resolve issues through discussion, diplomacy, partnership and coalition-building. I am confident that we can develop meaningful trade policy that considers working families in the United States and in our trading partners. This represents a tremendous change from the past seven years of the Bush administration.

"Senator Obama is uniquely positioned to broaden the Democratic Party base and lead the party to election gains at every level this year as well as reclaiming the White House. He has the vision, passion, judgment and problem-solving ability that we need from our next president at a difficult time for our country at home and abroad.

"I also commend Senator Hillary Clinton, who is an excellent candidate and a staunch friend and advocate for American working men and women."

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