



ELECTION 2006 – “THE DAY AFTER”

November 8, 2006

Dear Colleagues:

Across the District 4 states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, our members and all working people won tremendous victories. We retained CWA-friendly Governors in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, while adding one in Ohio. We retained allies in the Senate in Michigan and Wisconsin, while adding a great friend of ours, Sherrod Brown, in Ohio. We picked up five seats in the house (with a few more still close enough to recount): THREE in Indiana, one in Ohio, and one in Wisconsin. We won many important state races, including winning the state houses in Indiana and Michigan, and the state senate in Wisconsin. Union members played a critical role, supporting our endorsed candidates by an average of 70% in most of the region.

Yet even more important, we built a network of activists and volunteers across our five states. Over a thousand CWA members in our District volunteered their time at least once to work on behalf of candidates that favored working families. While not every local participated, I could not be prouder of the many that did. I had the privilege of traveling across all five states to work side-by-side with many of you who volunteered: going door-to-door, making phone calls, and stuffing envelopes. I was in big cities and small towns. In so many places across the Midwest, CWA was the heart of labor's effort to get out the vote. I feel very proud of CWA District 4.

I said that the activism was even more important because it is now up to us to hold these politicians accountable on the issues that affect our members. We supported them because we believe that they give us the best chance to address our key issues: jobs, healthcare, a decent standard of living for both workers and retirees, and the

right to collective bargaining. We know that these elected officials are not perfect and may only address these issues if we stay active, involved, and visible.

By early 2007, we will have a District 4 political plan that gives us the chance to keep all of you active, involved, and visible. On both broad issues like health care and more specific CWA issues like "Speed Matters" and rural telecom, the future of the airline and auto industries, and many other issues, we need to fight politically as well as at the bargaining table.

For today though, let's enjoy the victory. So many people worked incredibly hard; I can't possibly name all of you. However, on behalf of the members of District 4, I thank all of you who volunteered your time. Together we made the difference.

Sincerely,

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