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**Dan Hynes is Endorsed by the Illinois AFL-CIO**

*Illinois' Primary is March 16<sup>th</sup>*

## **Dan Hynes – the Best Candidate to Represent Working Families**

In a crowded field of respected Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate, Dan Hynes stands out because of his strong roots in working-class America, his sympathy for the devastating problems facing working families and for his adamant vow to fight for change in unfair trade policies that are wiping out American jobs and destroying the middle class. Dan Hynes will stand up to the Bush administration, the Republican leadership and the political operatives who it seems will stop at nothing in their quest to destroy workers' rights.

Dan Hynes has shown his metal by fighting for workers during his two terms as Illinois Comptroller. As Comptroller, he imposed funding restrictions on contractors that did not obey state prevailing wage laws – in one instance, shutting down work on an ethanol plant in Lena until wage discrepancies were resolved. And he assigned a prevailing wage officer to better enforce the laws.

Hynes led a critical fight for corporate accountability at the state level. Through the Comptroller's office he fought to stop deadbeat corporations, who owe the state money, from receiving state contracts. And he established the State's first Rainy Day Fund, to avoid raising taxes, cutting state jobs and eliminating state services during tough economic times.

Hynes has also been an advocate for workers in his office. After years of management intimidation by his predecessors in the Comptroller's office, Hynes negotiated a new union contract and earned the support and respect of the unions represented in his office. He further fought for his employees by refusing to make them pay for their pensions out of their own pockets.

Raised on the South Side of Chicago, Dan Hynes grew up in a working-class family with a strong work ethic. His grandfather worked in a chemical plant for forty years, his father is a former president of the Illinois Senate with a 90 percent lifetime voting record on Labor issues, and his mother was a teacher and activist in the Chicago Teachers Union. He has carried the values he learned from his family with him throughout his life and his



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career in public service. Dan Hynes understands the problems and stresses middle-class workers are facing today. He will work for change: to bring economic relief to all Illinois workers and their families.

Another key reason the Illinois AFL-CIO has endorsed Dan Hynes for U. S. Senate is his proven record of winning. He is a strong, hardworking candidate. In 1998, at the age of 30, he defeated an experienced Illinois State Senator by a margin of over 600,000 votes to win the Office of Illinois Comptroller. He was the youngest constitutional officer to be elected in Illinois since World War II. In 2002, he nearly doubled his margin of victory by winning re-election by more than one million votes. Dan Hynes has proven he can win votes up and down the state of Illinois. And, as was demonstrated in the 2002 Governor's race, that is a critical factor.

As our new U.S. Senator from Illinois, Dan Hynes has vowed to fight for fair trade agreements. Union members across this manufacturing-based state know how critical this issue is to working families and to the very existence of the union movement. Dan Hynes will oppose any trade agreements that don't include labor and environmental protections. He has called the FTAA "dangerous." And will push for a national manufacturing policy as well as for revoking China's Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) status.

Dan Hynes supports workers' rights. He backs "Card Check" recognition and will work to stop employer intimidation of workers who are attempting to form a union. He called the right to join a union a "sacred legal guarantee to American Workers." And he will work to reverse President Bush's assault on the collective bargaining rights of federal employees.

Dan Hynes supports a national minimum wage increase, extending unemployment benefits until the economy is in a real recovery, and blocking attempts to erode workers' rights to overtime pay. He recently initiated state legislation that would override the Bush Administration's federal overtime pay cuts. He has proposed a detailed job-creation plan that he has already sent to Washington! A plan that would ensure "that for every dollar we spend rebuilding Iraq, we spend at least one dollar here at home to invest in America's people and their future."

Illinois workers have an extraordinary opportunity to send a good friend of Labor to Washington to join our ally, senior Senator Dick Durbin. For the first time in six years we could have the support of our state's two highest federal officials. On Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, seize the opportunity. Go to the polls...take a Democratic ballot and vote for Dan Hynes for U.S. Senate. He will fight for jobs and workers' rights.

*(A photo of Dan Hynes is available electronically. If you would like to have this article or the photo sent to you electronically, please call Beth Spencer at 217.544.4014.)*



Election 2004 information from your union



# Dan Hynes

Democrat for  
U.S. Senate

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## the Hynes record:

### As Illinois Comptroller

- ✓ **Stood With Workers On the Picket Line.**  
Hynes has stood side-by-side with workers fighting employer intimidation in bargaining disputes.
- ✓ **Refused to pay companies who dodged wage laws.**  
Hynes issued an executive order – the first of its kind – refusing payment to contractors who do not pay workers the prevailing wage. Hynes assigned a prevailing wage officer to enforce the order. (*Executive Order, 8/30/02*)
- ✓ **Held Corporations Accountable.**  
Hynes led the fight for legislation to stop deadbeat corporations from receiving state contracts. (*Public Act, 92-404; Public Act, 93-600*)
- ✓ **Saved Jobs.**  
Hynes established the state's first Rainy Day Fund to avoid raising taxes, cutting state jobs and eliminating state services during tough economic times. ([www.illinoiscomptroller.com/office/news.cfm](http://www.illinoiscomptroller.com/office/news.cfm), 1/28/99)
- ✓ **Union Backer as Employer.**  
After years of management intimidation in the Comptroller's office, Hynes negotiated a new union contract and earned the full backing of the unions who represent workers in the Comptroller's office. He fought for the employees by refusing to make them pay for their pensions out of their paychecks.

### As U.S. Senator

- ✓ **Has Detailed A Jobs Plan for Illinois.**  
Hynes' detailed plans include reinvesting in Illinois' manufacturing, transportation, coal and agriculture industries putting thousands of workers back on the job. ([www.danhynes.com](http://www.danhynes.com))
- ✓ **Will Fight For Fair Trade Agreements.**  
Illinois has lost nearly 200,000 manufacturing jobs. Hynes opposes trade agreements that don't include labor protections. He has called the FTAA (NAFTA expansion) "dangerous." (*IL AFL-CIO questionnaire*)
- ✓ **Supports Union "Card Check."**  
Hynes supports halting company intimidation of workers in choosing union representation. Hynes called the right to join a union a "sacred legal guarantee to American workers." (*IL AFL-CIO questionnaire*)
- ✓ **Proposes "Made in America" Incentives.**  
Hynes proposes tax incentives and federal preference for companies that have production facilities in the United States. ([www.danhynes.com](http://www.danhynes.com))
- ✓ **Seeks Repeal of Bush Tax Cuts for the Wealthy.**  
Calling the Bush tax breaks for the wealthy "reckless fiscal policy," Hynes said he will protect working families while making sure the richest pay their fair share. (*IL AFL-CIO questionnaire*)

Your vote is your voice. Use it on election day.

# VOTE MARCH 16

Candidate information provided by the Illinois AFL-CIO

To vote for  
Dan Hynes,  
ask for a  
Democratic  
ballot.



Sister & Brother Union Activists:

The Illinois Primary Election is Tuesday, March 16, 2004. The CWA has endorsed Dan Hynes for the U.S. Senate in the Democratic Primary. Hynes, who is in his second term as Illinois Comptroller, has been an outstanding advocate for Labor's issues. Hynes used the power of his office to enforce the prevailing wage law by issuing a first-of-its-kind executive order refusing payment to companies who are not paying prevailing wage to their workers.

Now we have a chance to send Hynes to Washington, D.C. where anti-unionism has taken on a whole new meaning with the Bush Administration leading the way. As a U.S. Senator, Hynes will push for "Made in America" incentives to "Keep Jobs in America." He will fight for FAIR trade agreements. He has called the FTAA NAFTA expansion "Dangerous."

Dan Hynes has earned our support for U.S. Senator. Make your VOTE COUNT on March 16, 2004. Choose a Democratic ballot and vote for Dan Hynes for U. S. Senator.

The deadline to register to vote in the March 16, 2004 Illinois Primary expires at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2004. It is possible to download voter registration forms from the Internet at <http://www.chicagoelections.com> and elsewhere. Voter registration sent via the mail must be postmarked by Tuesday, February 17, 2004.

In Unity – Strength & Solidarity:

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