



CWA's secretary-treasurer emeritus, Barbara J. Easterling, was a committed Hillary Clinton delegate. Now she's working hard to elect Barack Obama.

***“I know Hillary Clinton.
I’ve worked with Hillary Clinton.
Sarah Palin is no Hillary Clinton.”***

— Barbara J. Easterling

Think a vote for McCain-Palin is good for women? What about Fair Pay?

McCain-Palin

John McCain didn't bother to vote on the Fair Pay Act that came before the Senate this April. The bill would have restored the rights of women workers to go to court when they face pay discrimination, a right taken away by the Supreme Court in the Lilly Ledbetter case.

McCain said he would have voted against the Fair Pay Act because the bill “opens us up for lawsuits, for all kinds of problems and difficulties.” (Source: *H.R. 2831, Vote 110, 4/23/08; Associated Press, 4/28/08*)

Lilly Ledbetter worked for Goodyear Tire in Gadsden, Ala., for nearly 20 years. When she was ready to retire, she learned that men doing the same work as she did — with less seniority — had been earning about \$550 more a month than she did, for years.

The Supreme Court ruled that Lilly should have filed her lawsuit when she got her first paycheck, 19 years ago, even though most companies, like Goodyear, keep salaries secret from employees. Lilly had no idea her employer was violating the law.

According to the Supreme Court, that's Lilly's fault. Somehow, she should have known that she was being paid less than men doing the same work.

John McCain agrees. And so does Sarah Palin.

Obama-Biden

Barack Obama, Joe Biden and Hillary Clinton all were in Washington on April 23, 2008 and voted for the Fair Pay Act to restore critical rights to working women. (*Congressional Record, Vote 110*)

With Barack Obama as President, the government will take steps to better enforce the Equal Pay Act, fight job discrimination, and improve child care options and family medical leave to give women equal footing in the workplace. (*barackobama.com*)

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