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Dear Mr. McCann:

Thank you for your dedication to the American worker. Unfortunately, the 2016 election was a catastrophe for working people. In the wake of all disasters, however, opportunities for the strategic can be found.

I've been an Operating Engineer (OE) for 38 years. My father, uncle (deceased), brother and nephew are all OE members, as well. My wife is a California School Employees Association member, who was just nominated to her local's contract-negotiating team. We are writing to the heads of over 70 American labor unions asking them to dedicate themselves to two initiatives.

Donald Trump is promising 25 million new jobs in America. While we're not convinced he'll deliver on that (or any) promise, if he does that's a lot of people needing training in a short time. No organizations are better positioned to recruit and develop workers than unions, via apprenticeships and robust classroom, online and on-the job training. There's no reason unions shouldn't grab the lion's share of these new jobs.

So first, we're asking you to make your union indispensable to the Trump administration. This is a tough order to fill given Donald Trump's record with labor unions. A self-described "deal maker," however, he needs what unions offer--a turnkey labor force that is easy to find and hire and ready to start working skillfully on day one.

Second, we're asking you to beef up your union's education arm. Unions must inculcate in new, current and retired members that a) the Democratic party is the party for workers and b) members need to vote for and defend Democratic candidates. Members need to hear and re-hear through formal union-mandated education that Democrats along with unions

- created Social Security, Medicare, the 8-hour workday and the 40-hour work week;
- delivered overtime, vacation and sick pay to the American worker;

- ended child labor and created the minimum wage standard;
- developed robust safety standards.

Hell, members need to hear that Democrats along with union leaders got workers' bathroom breaks! That wasn't a given.

Members need to be taught (and re-taught) how vital the Democratic party has been to working people and that voting Republican is voting against their economic interests.

It's a disgrace that so many working-class people voted Republican this past election. Please consider this request seriously and help return the working class to the Democratic party.

Sincerely,



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