

# *Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers*

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Dear Union Member,

Union members in North Dakota have some big decisions to make this November that will have wide-ranging impacts on our economy, our jobs, and even our freedom to join together in our unions and make a better life for ourselves, our union brothers and sisters, and our families.

We know that when we stick together in our union, we can win in the workplace. That's why we join unions. We know that we are more powerful together. The same goes for politics. If we stick together and vote our union values, we can win. We can elect candidates, rather than party, that will fight for our union values, that will listen to working people like us, and then take action to make our state a better place to live and work.

There is a lot of noise out there right now, trying to distract and divide us. Wealthy special interests are spending money by the fistfuls to spin things one way or another, and when millions of dollars are spent on dirty political ads, it's hard to know who to trust. That's why I appreciate the North Dakota AFL-CIO for putting together a labor voting record that lets me see for myself exactly how our current representatives voted on union issues. Things like voting against allowing our police and firefighters to collectively bargain contracts, against our well-earned pensions, against funding for our schools, or against unemployment insurance for workers locked out of their jobs by their employers. These voting records tell us who is worth supporting this election by showing us who fights for our freedom to negotiate a fair return on our work, to have safe jobs, quality healthcare for our family, and to retire with dignity.

In the coming weeks, you may be receiving mail, phone calls or even house visits by our local labor councils and the North Dakota AFL-CIO talking about these issues. Union volunteers will be donating hundreds of hours across the state to make sure that every union member knows the facts when it comes to who supports our union values. We need union members like you to help out, and I urge you to consider helping with the effort by contacting either myself or the North Dakota AFL-CIO President Waylon Hedegaard directly at [whedegaard@ndafclcio.org](mailto:whedegaard@ndafclcio.org) or 701-595-3334 and asking how you can get involved.

I encourage you to do the research and vote your union values on November 6th. Talk to your family members and co-workers about doing the same. Consider volunteering with the Labor 2018 member-to-member program with the State Federation. If we stick together and vote our union values, working people like us can have a real voice this November.

Enclosed are labor voting records and a list of all the labor-endorsed candidates for your consideration. Thank you for your time.

In Solidarity,

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To make sure voting goes smoothly:

- Make sure you have a valid ID by Oct 6th– [www.vip.sos.nd.gov/IDRequirements.aspx](http://www.vip.sos.nd.gov/IDRequirements.aspx)
- Request a mail ballot. Early voting starts September 27th – [www.vip.sos.nd.gov/absentee](http://www.vip.sos.nd.gov/absentee)
- Early-In Person Voting starts October 1st in many counties.
- Election Day is November 6th. Find your legislative district and polling place here:  
[www.vip.sos.nd.gov/WhereToVote.aspx?tab=AddressandVotingTimes](http://www.vip.sos.nd.gov/WhereToVote.aspx?tab=AddressandVotingTimes)