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TO ALL AFFILIATES:

United Way Endorsement

The mission of the AFL-CIO Community Services Program is to make our communities better places in which to live, work, raise a family, and retire. These goals are a good fit with work being done by local United Ways. For this reason, we heartily endorse this year's United Way fundraising efforts.

Our nation and our state have never faced more challenging times economically. Here in Wisconsin, thousands of workers have lost their jobs, with some sectors - such as manufacturing and construction - being hit harder than others. Public employees are subject to furloughs, wage cuts, and an additional workload - as more and more positions go unfilled.

With so many families struggling, we are fortunate here in Wisconsin to have nine AFL-CIO Community Services Liaisons who work with local United Ways in conjunction with their Central Labor Councils/Local Unions. We look forward to the positions in Green Bay and Kenosha being filled soon.

With our economy faltering, affecting much of the working class and governmental "safety nets" strained to their limits, the programs of area United Ways are critical to supporting and strengthening our communities. The partnerships formed locally are a long term investment in bringing about real change and they are essential to maintaining these services for all families.

This year more than ever, we urge all affiliates to endorse and participate in their local United Way Campaign. Your support -- through financial contributions, active participation, and volunteerism on a local level -- is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

In Solidarity,

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