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The Honorable Gary Peters
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In Michigan, we believe we have to build an economy that grows the middle class. And when unions succeed, all workers win.

I was raised in a union household. My father was a teacher and my mother, a nurse's aide. They gave me and my sisters what every parent wants to provide for their children—an opportunity to pursue their dreams.

I went to public school, worked odd jobs, and became an Eagle Scout.

Kamala Harris and Tim Walz grew up just like me. And I know they'll fight for us. They'll make it easier to raise our families and retire with dignity.

Just look at the record. As vice president, she helped pass legislation finally—finally—allowing Medicare to negotiate and lower the cost of prescription drugs. Brought manufacturing back to America. And, as governor, Tim Walz signed the largest infrastructure investment in Minnesota history.

On the other hand, you have Donald Trump and JD Vance. If they win—if they win—working people like my friends here from the Teamsters will pay the price. Their Project 2025 agenda is the same old, same old: gut overtime pay, cut health programs, and give tax breaks to billionaires. We cannot—and will not—let that happen.

Now, I want to introduce some retired Teamsters and pension warriors, led by Ken Stribling, president of the National United Committee to Protect Pensions.

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