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Union Leaders
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Lee Saunders, President of AFSCME: I'm Lee Saunders, President of AFSCME, a union of 1.4 million public service workers in health care, corrections, sanitation, and more.

Four years ago, we faced a pandemic and a recession with a president who didn't care one bit what working people were going through.

Enter Joe Biden and Kamala Harris! Within weeks, they passed the American Rescue Plan, pulling the economy back from the brink and putting us back to work. They're guided by a basic principle: more freedom for working people, including the freedom to join a union.

This November, we're moving forward with Kamala Harris as our president!

April Verrett, President of SEIU: I'm April Verrett, President of SEIU, representing two million service and care workers.

We're all in for Kamala Harris because she has always been all in for us. She joined fast food workers on the picket line and walked a day in the shoes of a home care worker. She shares our vision of a modern-day labor movement, a movement that meets the needs of 21st century workers in an economy that's ready for the future.

Together, we'll write new rules to make it easier for all workers to join a union, and we're going to build a younger, hipper, fresher, more inclusive movement for the middle class and end poverty-wage work once and for all.

Let's elect Kamala Harris and together we will usher in a new era of worker power—and win the future!

Brent Booker, President of LiUNA: I'm Brent Booker, and I'm proud to represent LiUNA, the Laborers' International Union of North America. We're construction workers, public employees, and postal mail handlers.

For decades, we've fought for more investment in our infrastructure. While Trump made empty promises, the Biden-Harris administration delivered. Now we're rebuilding highways, bridges, and tunnels and powering a clean energy and manufacturing boom. Thanks to them, our members can buy a home, put their kids through school, and retire with dignity.

As president, Kamala Harris will keep fighting for workers who are building America!

Kenny Cooper, IBEW: I'm Kenny Cooper, representing 840,000 members of the IBEW—the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

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The IBEW powers America from fire alarms to solar farms, nuclear plants to battery plants, and storm restoration to power lines. We've been doing this for over 130 years. Today, we're building a new energy future while providing great-paying jobs and a stable retirement for working families.

Every step of the way, Kamala Harris has been there for us. She's bringing back American manufacturing to forgotten places throughout our country. She cast a deciding vote to save our pensions. She lifted up our apprentices. And guess what?

She's not afraid to use the word "union." She's come through for all of us, so we'll all come through for her!

Claude Cummings Jr., President of CWA: I'm Claude Cummings Jr., President of the CWA, the Communications Workers of America.

We all saw the digital divide during the pandemic. Millions of American families didn't have access to high-speed internet at home. Too many kids were forced to go to online class in McDonald's parking lots.

As vice president, Kamala Harris helped pass the largest investment in broadband ever. She gave CWA members a seat at the table, so we could work to connect every household to the internet, while creating good, union jobs.

We're fired up to work with our next president, Kamala Harris!

Liz Shuler, President of AFL-CIO: I'm Liz Shuler, President of the AFL-CIO, representing nearly 13 million American workers.

This election is about two economic visions: One where families live paycheck to paycheck, where people have no right to join a union—a CEO's dream but a worker's nightmare.

Or an Opportunity Economy, where we lower the costs of groceries, prescriptions, and housing. Where we go after Big Pharma, corporate landlords, and price gougers. Where there's no such thing as a man's job or a woman's job—or, like Donald Trump would say, a "Black" or a "Latino job"—just good, union jobs.

That's the future our President Joe Biden has fought for. That's the future Kamala Harris and Tim Walz will keep fighting for! Let's build it together!

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