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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vote as if Your Future Depends On It...Because It Does!

What kind of people do we need representing us in the U.S. Congress, the governor's mansion and the state legislature? Do you want elected officials who fight for working families—who take action to raise our economic standing, improve the quality of our lives and support us in our contract battles? Or do you want politicians who only care about the corporate special interests and anti-worker management?

That's the choice every one of us faces in the November 2, 2010, general election.

I believe we should go to the polls and elect leaders who stand with us—strong allies who are doing everything in their power to fix our broken economy, to create good-paying jobs with benefits, to uphold our rights, and to improve our financial standing, our health and our retirement security.

It will be especially important to have leaders who are on our side in office with our contract at Kroger expiring next year.

The alternative is to put back into power the same cast of characters who drove the economy off a cliff, did whatever Wall Street wanted, fiddled while millions of Americans lost their health insurance, tried to privatize Social Security, and let our standard of living decline. They are chomping at the bit to bring back their failed policies if they win.

Let's remember that as tough as these times are, picking the wrong people—or staying home and letting anti-union forces and big money decide the election—could make things far worse.

To avoid this fate, Local 400 has conducted an exhaustive evaluation of the candidates on your ballot next month. We are recommending those leaders who are deeply dedicated to making life better for working families and who have our interests closest to their heart. Please review the inside of this newsletter and feel free to take it with you as a guide to vote in your best interests.

I hope you'll join me on November 2nd by going to the polls and voting for a brighter future, one marked by broadly shared prosperity, greater security and growing opportunity. Thank you!

Thomas P. McNutt, *President*
International Vice President



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Joe Manchin for Senate

In the race to fill the remainder of the late Robert Byrd's term representing West Virginia in the U.S. Senate, there is one clear choice: Gov. Joe Manchin (D).

In six years as governor, Manchin has created good jobs, raised the minimum wage, expanded health care coverage, strengthened worker safety, cut taxes on the middle class and been a consistent champion of West Virginia's working families. That's why Local 400 enthusiastically recommends his candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

Manchin's achievements as governor include:

- Helping to create good jobs by encouraging more than 240 companies to expand or relocate in the state and by assisting in the generation of \$13 billion in new private investments.
- Raising the West Virginia minimum wage by 53 percent over two years.
- Increasing health care coverage for West Virginians by expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program and creating affordable health plans for the uninsured.

Local 400 President Tom McNutt (left) shakes hands with West Virginia Gov. and Senate candidate Joe Manchin (D).



- Cutting the food tax by half, from six percent to three percent.
- Fighting for and signing historic mine safety legislation which empowered miners to report unsafe working conditions and created approximately 1,400 jobs making equipment and materials for the new safety mandates.

As senator, Manchin pledges to be a strong advocate for West Virginia and its people, to work vigorously to get people back to work and get our economy moving again, and to ensure that government works responsibly, effectively and in the best interests of taxpayers.

By contrast, his opponent in the November 2nd general election, millionaire Republican businessman John Raese, is an anti-worker extremist who wants to end the minimum wage and opposes all public funding and federal involvement in education—positions that would dramatically hurt the standard of living and quality of life for West Virginians.

Raese is so out of touch with the concerns of West Virginians that he recently he boasted, "I made my money the old-fashioned way, I inherited it," to justify his support for permanently eliminating an inheritance tax that affects virtually no one in the state. Raese even claims to be a permanent resident of Florida so he can get a property tax break on his Palm Beach mansion, while telling the people of West Virginia that he's one of them.

Manchin, however, has never forgotten where he came from, never forgotten the people he represents, and never forgotten what he stands for. The grandson of an Italian immigrant, he was born and raised in the little coal town of Farmington, W.Va., where he shared a bedroom with four brothers and sisters. His parents instilled in him the value of commitment to family and community. He attended West Virginia University on a football scholarship, married his wife, Gayle, and became a successful businessman. Manchin got his start in public service as a state legislator and served as West Virginia's Secretary of State until his election as governor in 2004.

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After a lengthy, intensive process of getting to know the candidates, analyzing their records, reviewing their positions on the issues affecting working families' lives, and conducting face-to-face interviews, Local 400 recommends that you vote for the following candidates who will be on your November 2nd general election ballot:

WEST VIRGINIA

**U.S. Senate
Special Election**
Joe Manchin III

**U.S. House of
Representatives**
2nd Virginia Graf
3rd Nick Rahall

Supreme Court of Appeals
Thomas E. McHugh

State Senate
1st Orphy Klempa
2nd Larry Edgell
6th H. Truman Chafin
9th Mike Green
10th Ron Miller
10th Mark Wills
12th Joe Minard
14th Steven Shaffer
16th John Unger
17th Brooks McCabe

House of Delegates
1st Randy Swartzmiller
2nd Tim Ennis
Roy Givens
3rd Shawn Fluharty
Erikka Storch
4th Michael Ferro
Scott Varner
5th Dave Pethtel
9th Jim Marion
10th Dan Poling
John Ellem
12th Jo Boggett Phillips
13th Dale Martin
Brady Paxton
14th Cathy Larck
15th Jim Morgan
Matthew Woelfel
16th Dale Stephens
Doug Reynolds
17th Don Perdue
Richard Thompson

18th Larry Barker
19th Greg Butcher
Josh Stowers
Ralph Rodighiero
21st Harry Keith White
22nd Daniel J. Hall
Linda Goode Phillips
23rd Cliff Moore
25th John Frazier
Bill Moorefield
27th Virginia Mahan
Mel Kessler
Ricky Moya
Sally Susman
Bill Wooton
28th Thomas Campbell
Ray Canterbury
29th David Perry
Margaret Staggers
30th Bonnie Brown
Doug Skaff Jr
Nancy Guthrie
Bobbie Hatfield
Mark Hunt
Sharon Spencer
Danny Wells
31st Meshea Poore
32nd Scott Lavigne
33rd David Walker
34th Brent Boggs
35th Sam Argento
36th Joe Talbott
37th Denise Campbell
38th Peggy Donaldson Smith
39th Bill Hamilton
40th Mary Poling
41st Ron Fragale
Richard Iaquina
Tim Miley
42nd Michael Manypenny
43rd Mike Caputo
Linda Longstreth
Timothy Manchin
44th Barbara Fleischauer
Charlene Marshall

Steve Cook
Anthony Barill
45th Larry Williams
46th Stan Shaver
49th Charles Messick
50th Ruth Rowan
52nd Mike Roberts
53rd Robert V. Mills
55th Donn E. Marshall
56th Terry L. Walker
58th Tiffany Lawrence

Secretary of State
Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Treasurer
Kevin Boyce

Ohio Supreme Court
Eric Brown—Chief Justice
Mary Jane Trapp—Justice

U.S. Senator
Lee Fisher

**U.S. House of
Representatives**
6th Charlie Wilson
18th Zach Space

State Senate
17th Justin Fallon

**State House of
Representatives**
89th Ron Hadsell
93rd Linda Secrest

Ohio Court of Appeals
5th Kristine Beard
7th Gene Donfrio

**Ohio State
Board of Education**
8th Deborah Cain

TENNESSEE

Governor
Mike McWherter

**U.S. House of
Representatives**
1st Michael Clark

**State House of
Representatives**
2nd Nathan Vaughn
3rd Scotty Campbell
4th Kent Williams
6th Dale Ford

KENTUCKY

U.S. Senate
Jack Conway

**U.S. House of
Representatives**
4th John Waltz

State Senate
18th Robin Webb

**State House of
Representatives**
84th Fitz Steele
87th Rick Nelson
90th Tim Couch
91st Teddy Edmonds
93rd W. Keith Hall
94th Leslie A. Combs
95th Gregory S. Stumbo
96th Jill York
98th Tanya Pullin
99th Rocky Adkins
100th Kevin P. Sinnette

OHIO

Governor/Lt. Governor
Ted Strickland/
Yvette McGee Brown

Auditor
David Pepper

Attorney General
Richard Cordray