



Sisters and Brothers,

On November 4th we are electing more than a President; we are electing the one person who has the final authority over the well-being of our families spanning the next four years. We have the choice to either let the steam-roller of the last four years continue, or to stand up, together, and demand something different.

In this election the choices could not be more clear. One candidate wants to continue the unfair practices of the last eight years, and amplify the burden on working people. John McCain has made no excuses for his plan to make working people pay taxes on Employer-Sponsored Healthcare. Like George W. Bush, McCain has put the interests of the elite before those of working people. Thus, he has pledged to shift the burden of healthcare from employers, to workers. This means an extra \$2,500/year (approximately) that we'd have to pay for our family's healthcare.

McCain is wedded to the trade policies of George W. Bush. He has not learned from the mistakes of NAFTA, and would rather open trade relations with any country than consider how it might affect workers here in America. Together, McCain and Bush have repeated the NAFTA mistake over a hundred times, and in the process opened our borders to dangerous imports from China and India.

McCain has said that 'Buy American' regulations are a 'disgrace' and is willing to let the Government decide where they spend **your** tax dollars. He likes to say that he saved taxpayer dollars in the Boeing Airbus Deal. But, he was the one that personally authored the amendment that squashed a deal that would have ensured American workers build the next generation of Air Force refueling tankers. Now the tankers are being built by a foreign company, Airbus, and Boeing was slighted the chance to create 44,000 new jobs in 40 states. And, this hits us PERSONALLY because many workers that manufacture materials for Boeing are Steelworker union members. So those are **our** jobs that McCain lobbied against.

Our economy is in ruins because of disastrous practices like this. Together Bush and McCain have deregulated our economy, and turned a blind eye while common Americans suffer.

The only way to put an end to their assault on working America is to elect Barack Obama. In his eleven years in the Illinois State and U.S. Senate, Barack Obama has chosen the side of workers. He stood with us and voted against CAFTA. He has spoken clearly about the need to protect jobs in America, and to stand up for equality among working people.

He has committed himself to a tax plan that guarantees relief to 95% of Americans--\$1,000/family or \$500/individual. He has supported "Buy American" Legislation, which requires the Government buy American-made goods with your tax dollars (example: Anything from the US Flag, to Harley Davidson Motorcycles for Secret Service, and Boeing Aircraft.). And, he has pledged to protect Social Security so that Americans may retiree with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Senator Obama has shown true leadership on behalf of working people—authoring the Fair Currency Act of 2007, the Anti-Sweatshop Bill, and the Lead Free Toys Act of 2007. He is a Co-Sponsor of the

Employee Free Choice Act, and is one of 35 elected representatives that comprise the China Currency Coalition.

There is no way around it: this election is a referendum on the economic policies of the last 8 years. There is no way to salvage our economy and the promise of the American Dream without standing up for the American worker.

That is why we call upon our fellow union members to elect Barack Obama on November 4th, and officially put to rest the failed policies that Bush and McCain have made their life-work.

In Solidarity,