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VIA EMAIL

Re: Construction - Read Aloud Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I am proud to report the construction sector is booming! Hundreds of thousands of IBEW members are on long term projects that will last five, ten, or even fifteen years or more. Forecasters predict a quarter of a million jobs for electricians in the next decade alone, which means the IBEW can look forward to years of great wages, bigger pensions, and more apprentices.

Infrastructure laws are investing *trillions* of federal funding in our work, with labor standards on every dollar for the first time in history!

Trillions for energy infrastructure, grid resilience, ports, and electric vehicle charging that *require* prevailing wage. Billions *more* in tax credits for projects that offer prevailing wages and utilize apprenticeships. Even *more* billions for manufacturers that prioritize prevailing wage and other labor standards, and PLAs on *any* federal project over \$35 million. These laws make it nearly impossible to access federal funding without union labor, and the IBEW is already seeing the impact.

With the help of the IBEW, the Biden Administration has written union labor into federal law, making the IBEW the fastest, safest, and most profitable way to fill the unprecedented demand for electrician jobs. The state of the construction sector is undeniably strong, and we have even more to look forward to if we stay the course.

With best wishes, I am

In Solidarity,

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