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Dear Local Union Leader,

The major parties have concluded their conventions and the campaigns for the 2020 elections are in full swing. Whether you are concerned about how the corona-virus impacted you or your family or you have concerns about the future of Medicare and Social Security or that you or a family member has been impacted by structural racism; what we have seen the last several months makes clear that it is definitely time for change in this country. This is reflected in a recently conducted poll of OPEIU members throughout the US who voted nearly seventy per cent to support Biden to be the next President. This is the first time OPEIU wide survey of members to determine the union's endorsement for president. That said, the question is how do we turn the sentiment of our membership in to action? The short answer is, we all need to vote.

How do we make sure everyone gets the opportunity vote? OPEIU will be conducting its 2020 Get Out the Vote program. To make sure that OPEIU members get an opportunity to turn their sentiment into action, we are asking you whether you have approached local union members about their willingness to work on our 2020 GOTV effort. Of course, we are hoping to mobilize as many members as possible. Our primary goal is to work with locals and members who live in or near battleground states and where critical senate and house races are taking place. We understand that many of them will be working remotely. We also need you to appoint a local union coordinator who can interact with our GOTV effort.

Our effort in this critical time will be directed by Cesar Leyva OPEIU Political Director. We will first attempt to focus on our approach on how many members are available and secondly the level of time commitment they are able to make. This will break down into general categories of GOTV workers. Some people who work on the effort during the next sixty-five plus days may work in more than one category depending on their availability and other commitments. Those categories are:

- 1. Release People:** These are people who may be stewards, bargaining committee members or other active local union members. They are people who are willing and able to come off the employer's payroll and work full time for full days, a week or a few weeks at a time. OPEIU will reimburse the individual or if possible, the employer for the wages and benefits the member would have earned had they worked on the employer's payroll during the period they work on GOTV.

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2. **Weekend Warriors:** Members who will work GOTV for full days when they are not working their full-time job.

3. **After Work Campaigners:** Members who will help by engaging members at the end of the work shift of their full-time bargaining unit job.

4. **Supportive Retirees:** Retired members who are willing to make a time commitment of either half days or full days depending on their availability.

5. **Interested Family or community members:** People would be willing to get involved based on their availability.

If there are members or a recent retiree interested in getting involved please contact your local union or call OPEIU and ask for Cesar Leyva.

The 2020 Election Action Sign-up Form link can be found below:

<https://form.jotform.com/202406166202139>

In unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Lanigan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a red mark at the end of the name.

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