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Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC)
Honorable Cheri Bustos
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DCCC Chair Cheri Bustos:

I urge you to deny Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) services to the seven Members of the House of Representatives who caucus with House Democrats and betrayed working people and America's Labor Movement by voting against final passage of the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, H.R. 2474. By voting against strengthening workers' rights, these Members of the House of Representatives voted against a core and fundamental principle of the Democratic Party.

Ever since Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, Democrats have recognized that to combat inequality and to help build a strong and vibrant Middle Class, the ability for workers to organize, join unions, and bargain for their fair share of economic growth has been critical for economic stability and addressing economic inequality. Recognition of this economic fact once transcended party ideology as the Republican Party, under President Eisenhower, called for protecting the rights of workers to organize and bargain collectively in the 1956 Republican Party Platform.

Unfortunately, the same corporate special interests that worked to defeat the pro-labor portions of the New Deal and other advances have since worked diligently and relentlessly to strip away those rights. Employers have been able to push loopholes in the law, flaunt labor laws due to the weak and toothless penalties for violations, and fight aggressively through efforts like "captive audience meetings" and threatening to move jobs overseas to prevent workers from joining a union or bargaining contracts. This anti-worker effort has reached the point where overall unionization in the U.S. private sector has declined to 6.2 percent even though support for unions among U.S. citizens is at 64 percent. This decline in unionization of the U.S. workforce is universally

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recognized as one of the leading causes of the exploding rate of inequality in our country.

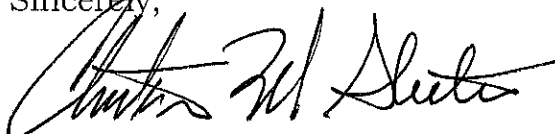
On the political front, those greedy corporate interests have wholly taken over the Republican Party, to the point where the party that once called for the protection of workers' rights to organize and bargain now calls for a whole scale reversal of those rights to tilt the balance further in favor of employers. The Republican Party is now owned by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and committed to an agenda of eliminating unions and any semblance of workers having a voice in their workplaces or the U.S. economy.

Those entrenched corporate interests have fought diligently to infect the Democratic Party with their anti-worker agenda as well. That is something we must lock arms to defend against. We unfortunately saw it last week when seven members of the House Democratic Caucus voted against the PRO Act, the most important reform of labor laws in at least a decade. The PRO Act is a continuation of that long history of the Democratic Party's policies to strengthen workers' voices in the U.S. economy and create a level playing field and an engine for millions of workers to reach the middle class and, therefore, a stable and comfortable life.

Those who voted against the PRO Act have betrayed this fundamental principle of the Democratic Party. Due to those votes, it is impossible for CWA to urge our members to support any of these seven candidates. They must be denied the support of the Democratic Party for refusing to stand with working Americans.

I urge the DCCC to no longer provide services for any incumbent House members who turn their back on working people.

Sincerely,



Christopher M. Shelton
President