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**Statement of Terence M. O'Sullivan,
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On the Election of President-Elect Barack Obama, Vice President-Elect Joe Biden
and Stronger Working Family Majorities in Congress**

Washington, D.C. (November 4, 2008) – Terence M. O'Sullivan, General President of the Laborers' International Union of North America, made the following statement on tonight's election.

We congratulate President-Elect Barack Obama and Vice President-Elect Joe Biden on their historic election and welcome stronger pro-working family majorities in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Tonight marks the birth of a new coalition. This was a transformative election that reversed the trajectory of American politics and set the course for a new, progressive era in our country. Americans voted for change and sent Barack Obama, Joe Biden and a new Congress to Washington with a mandate to fight for working people and make their lives better by creating good jobs, passing affordable healthcare for all, securing retirement and eliminating the barriers that make it difficult for employees to join together in a union.

In an August speech to LIUNA members Barack Obama announced he would be the "build America President" and promised to invest needed resources to rebuild our country if elected. LIUNA members responded by volunteering and supporting the Obama/Biden campaign at unprecedented levels. LIUNA members have elected their "build America President" and we look forward to working with the Obama Administration and a new Congress to put people back to work building the things America desperately needs. Together we will build America, so America works.

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The half-million members of LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of workers who are proud to build America.