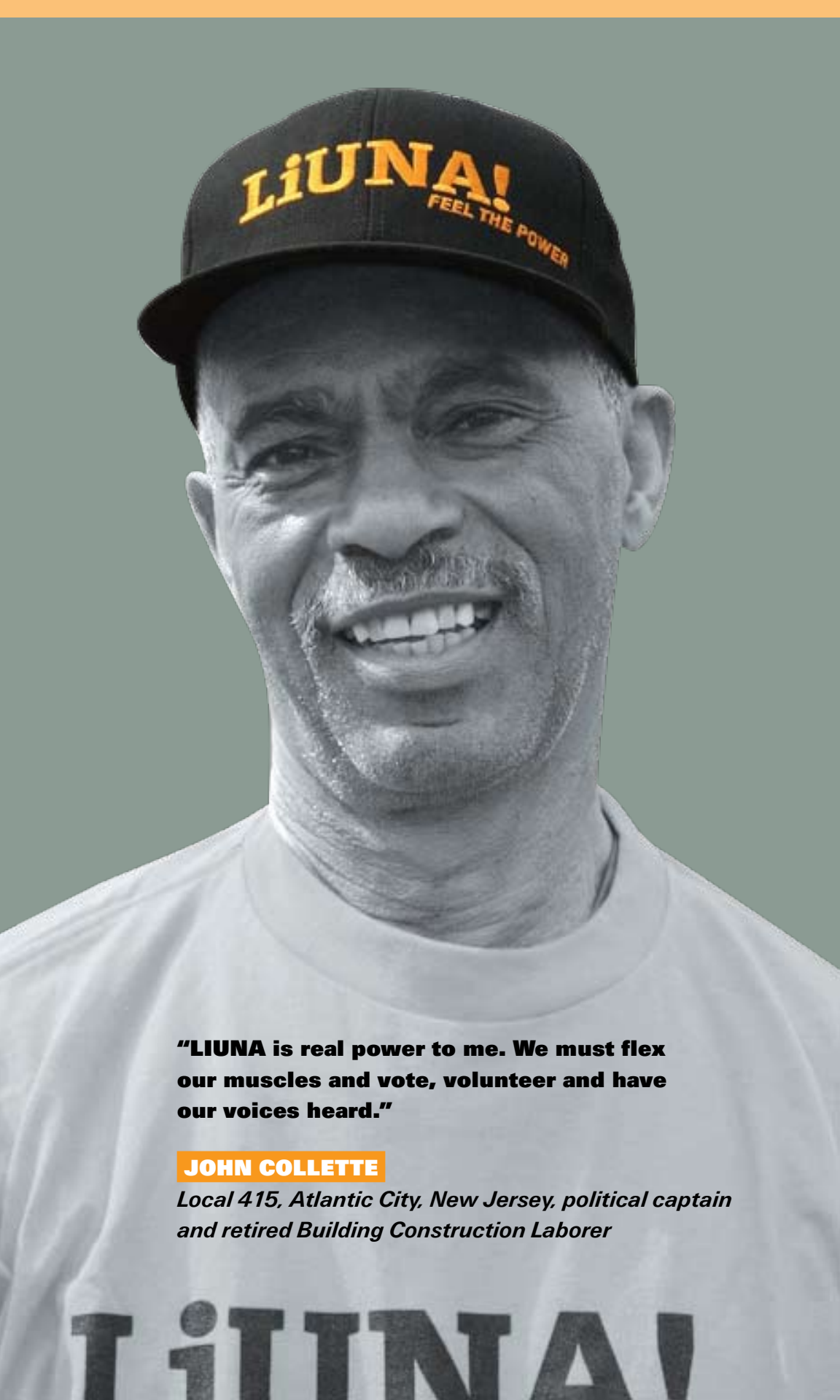


A MESSAGE FROM YOUR UNION

A group of construction workers in safety gear, including hard hats and high-visibility vests, standing on a construction site. The central figure is a man with a goatee and safety glasses, wearing a blue hard hat with a union logo and a high-visibility vest, looking directly at the camera with his arms crossed. Other workers are visible in the background, some wearing hard hats and safety vests. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Will you fight
for your
Country?



“LIUNA is real power to me. We must flex our muscles and vote, volunteer and have our voices heard.”

JOHN COLLETTE

Local 415, Atlantic City, New Jersey, political captain and retired Building Construction Laborer

LIUNA!

**We build America and keep
America working.
So why do politicians too often
stand idly by as the way of life
in our country is threatened?**

- In 2007 alone, 232,000 construction jobs were lost.
- Our bridges, highways, dams, buildings and other essentials which we are proud to build and help run every day are falling into disrepair.
- Family-supporting laws like Davis-Bacon, which require fair pay on large government projects, are under attack.
- The mortgage crisis has put as many 3 million homeowners in danger of foreclosure and threatens to taint our pension funds.
- Retirement security after a life of hard work is under attack—two-thirds of Americans no longer have a secure, adequate and predictable retirement check.
- Unfair trade agreements destroy American jobs.
- For those of us fortunate enough to have health care coverage, escalating costs are eating away as much as 75% of wage increases we would otherwise receive—and 47 million Americans have no health care coverage at all.
- Tens of thousands of working people face firings for trying to join unions and reach the middle class.



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"I'm tired of politicians ignoring us and lying to us. More and more workers like me are getting involved in government through our local unions.

LUCIO ORREGO *Local 11,
Arlington, Virginia, Pipeline Laborer*

**LABORERS
UNION**

**It's time to tell politicians
to fight for our country.
Let's build America so
America works.**

- We can have an economy that creates jobs building America and restores our nation's competitiveness in the global economy.
- If we get our priorities straight and redirect resources, we can invest in America's bridges, highways, and public schools and generate 47,500 jobs for every billion dollars invested. Due to neglect, needs now are estimated at \$1.6 trillion—an enormous investment, but less costly than current tax breaks for the rich or a misguided foreign policy.
- Expand tried-and-true laws like Davis-Bacon which keep unscrupulous employers from using taxpayer money to drive down wages and benefits.
- We can make affordable healthcare available to everyone.
- In America, every worker's right to join together in a union can be protected.
- International trade can put America first.
- Politicians can be forced to fix the mortgage crisis and protect homeowners and workers, without rewarding those who caused the crisis—Wall Street investors and corporate homebuilders.

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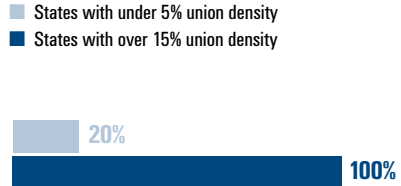
LIUNA! **BUILDS
AMERICA**

Feel the Power

Politics matters.

Where we are strong, politicians listen to us. Where politicians listen to us, we are more likely to be strong.

All of the states with higher union membership have laws protecting workers, taxpayers and communities from low-ball contractors—called “Little Davis Bacon” laws—and a minimum wage set higher than the federal rate. Only 20% of the low union membership states can claim this.



Average poverty rate is 3.1% lower in high union density states.



Average rate of uninsured is 4.7% lower in high union density states.



Annual income in states with strong union membership is nearly \$10,000 more per year than those with weak union membership.



Strong union states are one and half times more likely to encourage civic participation through a “no excuse” vote by mail program.



Two and half times more high density union states have both houses of the state legislature under control of candidates endorsed by workers’ unions.



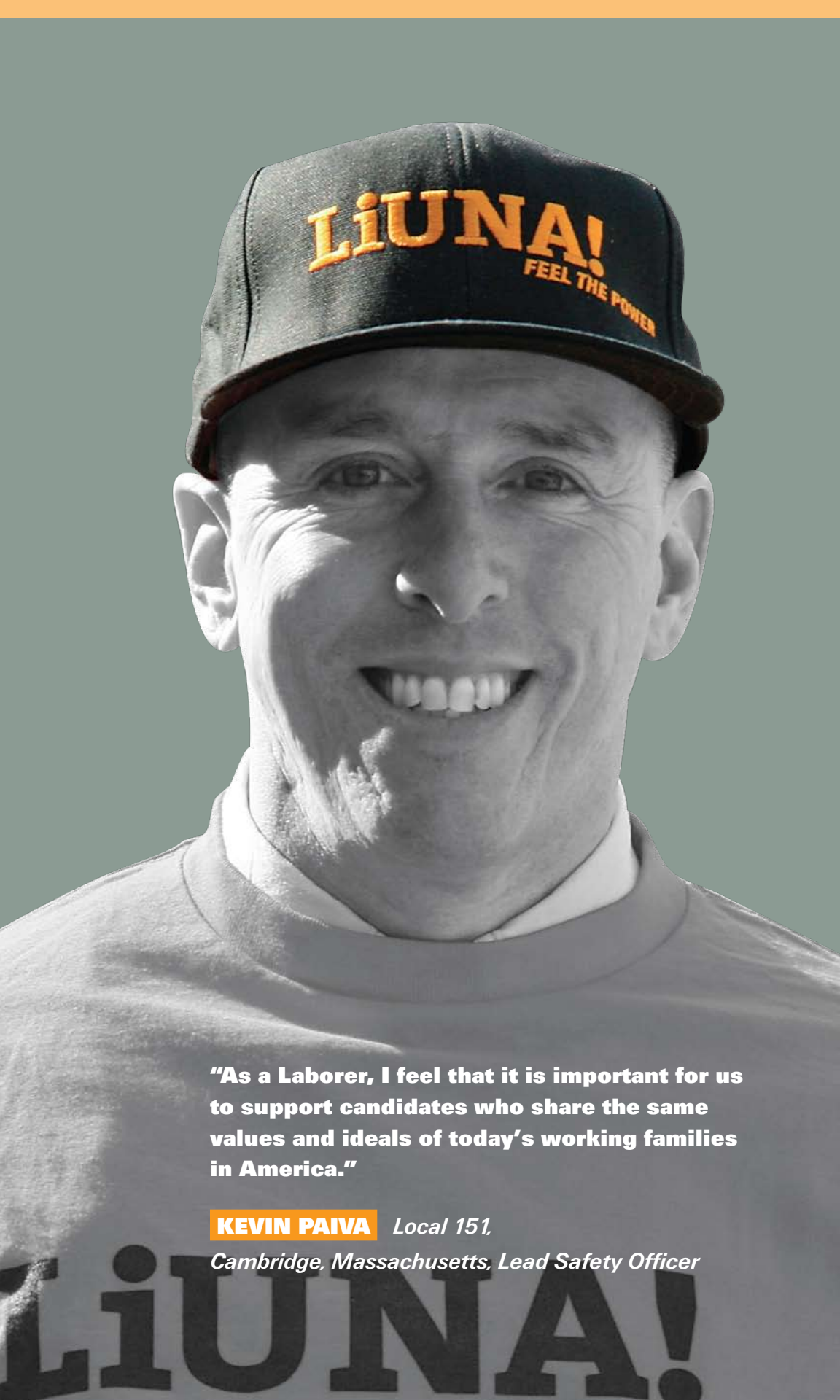
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“You have to get involved in politics—your vote and who you put in office affects our world.”

KENNETH JACKSON

Local 1655, Chicago, Illinois, Mechanic



"As a Laborer, I feel that it is important for us to support candidates who share the same values and ideals of today's working families in America."

KEVIN PAIVA *Local 151,*

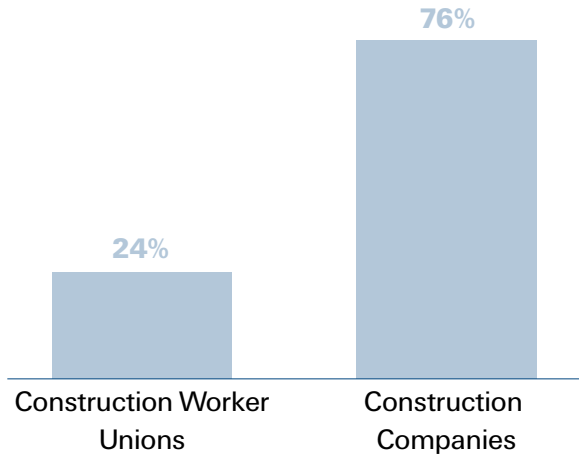
Cambridge, Massachusetts, Lead Safety Officer

LIUNA!

We'll never compete dollar-for-dollar with corporations. But we can have a war chest and we do have people power.

Construction workers' unions raise only a quarter of what the construction industry spends on politics. Fundraising to elect candidates for office is crucial, but it's not enough. Our strength is in our half-million members ready to fight for our country.


1990–2007 Political Contributions in Construction Industry:



Source: Center for Responsive Politics

If 50% of all LIUNA members contributed at least \$1.25 per week for a year, LIUNA could dedicate more than \$16 million a year to a war chest for the men and women who Build America.

\$1.25 per week = \$16 MILLION BUILD AMERICA WAR CHEST

A black and white portrait of David Lund, a man with short hair, glasses, and a goatee, wearing a dark t-shirt. The background is a solid light green color.

"We have to elect someone who won't cut us out—someone who will fight for good jobs with an honest wage."

DAVID LUND

Local 120, Indianapolis, Indiana, Construction Driver

LiUNA!

Fight for your country. Take the 1st step:

**Sign the Petition to Build America.
Text BUILD and your name to the number 69866
on your cellphone or learn more at
www.LiunaBuildsAmerica.org.**

Once a nation that put a man on the moon, we can no longer be assured of crossing the Mississippi River safely, of protecting our citizens from failing dams or levees or of providing a transportation infrastructure that works.

- Americans spend 3.5 billion hours a year stuck in traffic on our highways due to years of neglect.
- At least 27 percent of our country's bridges are structurally deficient.
- Classrooms in our public schools are falling apart.
- Across America there are 3,500 unsafe dams.

Tell politicians that for the sake of America's competitive place in the world, for our economy, good jobs and our future, they must rebuild America by taking care of the basics.

If we don't fight for America, who will?

Sources: American Society of Civil Engineers, U.S. Department of Transportation, Texas Transportation Institute



Fight for your country. Take the 2nd step:

Lend your voice: Make a Call to Build America.

Join LIUNA members across the country in a virtual voter registration phone bank. While our union could be an army of voters a half-million strong, as many as 100,000 members are not registered to vote. All you'll need is a cellphone or a phone and a computer and your voice to talk to fellow members about registering to vote.

For details on virtual phonebanking and upcoming dates, email communications@liuna.org or call 202-942-2246.



“We are all busy, but giving up a couple of hours for political activism can really make a difference.”

THERESA FOGLIO

*Local 261, San Francisco, California,
General Laborer*



LIUNA!
FEEL THE POWER

“LIUNA builds America and we should not be treated as an enemy by politicians. I’m supporting candidates who understand unions and working people.”

KAREN BOOTH

*Local 172, Mantua, New Jersey,
Heavy and Highway Construction
Apprentice*

Fight for your country. Take the 3rd step:

Get in the trenches.

- Be a living symbol of LIUNA and building America by wearing LIUNA gear. You can order at www.TheLiunaLook.org.
- Contact your local union or district council to find out how you can help.
- Join Mobile Action LiUNA! to get up-to-the-minute and urgent alerts by mobile text message. To join, text LIUNA08 to the mobile number 69866.
- Make sure you go to www.LiunaBuildsAmerica.org to sign the Petition to Build America and to sign up to Make a Call to Build America.
- Help make sure the men and women who Build America have the resources needed to fight for our country by voluntarily contributing at least 3 cents an hour to political efforts—\$1.25 a week in a 40 hour work week. Ask your Local Union how.



“We have already suffered for 8 years under George Bush with huge job losses, an economy in recession and policies that favor the rich over working men and women. We need change but if John McCain gets elected it’s more of the same.”

FLOYD LAFFERRE

*Local 894, Akron, Ohio,
Laborer*

Fight for your country. YOU can make a difference.

Check the back cover of this booklet to find your personal webpage address. Visit your page to:

- Register to vote.
- Sign up to Make a Call to Build America—the national member-to-member phone banking night.
- Sign up for updates from LIUNA by email and text message.



“We have to make sure that the next president represents working families.”

DONNA BANDEEN

Local 483, Portland, Oregon, Waste Water Treatment Operator

John McCain...More of the Same.

A brief look at what Presidential candidate John McCain believes in.

Jobs and the Economy	No New Jobs, Tax Cuts for the Rich <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has repeatedly opposed investment to Build America, including initiatives that would create 5 million good jobs.• Has voted against the Davis-Bacon Act at least 15 times and attacked LIUNA by fighting to create an under-class of workers called “helpers” that could have no formal training and could be paid less.• Wants to make the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy permanent and give more breaks to corporations.• Favors continuing the unfair trade policies reflected in NAFTA and Central American Free Trade Agreement.• Favors privatizing Social Security.
Your Rights	Weaken Workers’ Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opposes the Employee Free Choice Act and co-sponsored the Republican opposition bill which bans workers from forming a union by simply signing union cards.• Voted to disqualify 10 million workers from minimum wage, overtime and equal pay protections and voted against collective bargaining rights for federal employees.• Voted to allow federal contractors to hire strike replacements.• Voted to weaken rules governing state apprenticeship programs, opening the door for phony apprenticeship programs run by unscrupulous contractors.
Health Care	Trickle Down Health Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has a vague plan relying on “free-market” system of health care.• Voted against expanding Children’s Health Insurance Program.• Opposed a bill to allow Medicare to negotiate for fair drug prices.

McCain’s Health Plan Puts at Least 56 Million People with Chronic Disease at Risk of Losing Health Coverage, http://www.americanprogressaction.org/issues/2008/chronic_disease.html, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Earmark Reform Doesn’t Equal Economic Policy, http://www.americanprogressaction.org/issues/2008/earmark_reform.html, Center for American Progress Action Fund.

McCain on Jobs, Workers Rights, Davis-Bacon, http://www.aflcio.org/issues/politics/mccain_jobs.cfm, AFL-CIO.

McCain on Health Care, <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/19ba211c-c03f-4ac2-8cd5-5cf2edb527cf.htm>, John McCain for President

McCain on Issues, <http://politics.nytimes.com/election-guide/2008/issues>, *New York Times* Election Guide.

Be One in a Million: Sign the Petition to Build America

A generation ago America put a man on the moon—but today we can no longer be assured of crossing bridges safely or being safe from failing dams or levees. Sign the Petition to Build America to let elected officials know that taking care of the basics belongs at the top of our nation's agenda. Build America so America works!

Make a Call to Build America

Sign-up for the next Make a Call to Build America night and help other LIUNA members register to vote. You can make a difference with just 90 minutes of your time.

Personal Web Page

Visit your personal webpage now and get involved.



"Like those before us, we must fight for our country. We must be the spark that lights the flame of a workers revolt to take back America for those who build America."

TERENCE M. O'SULLIVAN

LUNA General President

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