

Dear Senators Robert Casey, Patrick Toomey,
Representatives Madeline Dean- 4th District, Dwight Evans - 3rd
District, Brendan Boyle - 2nd District, Mary Gay Scanlan - 5th District,
Susan Wild- 7th District, Christy Houlahan- 6th District, Brian Fitzpatrick-
1st District:

We are voting Pennsylvanians and proud retired union members. We urge you to support President Biden's Pro Act legislation. The Pro Act will empower Pennsylvanians in the following ways:

1. Empower workers to organize, bargain, and reach a first contract after a union is recognized.
2. End employers' practice of punishing striking workers by hiring permanent replacements.
3. Hold corporations accountable by penalizing employers who retaliate against pro- union workers.
4. Repeal Jim Crow era "right to work" laws that lead to lower wages, fewer benefits and dangerous workplaces.
5. Create pathways for workers to form unions without fear in newer industries like Big Tech.

The other significant part of Biden's legislative agenda is the Build Back Better Act which will:

1. reduce child poverty by extending the child tax credit and expand access to pre-K to help children prepare for school.
2. expand opportunities to health care for families and expand coverage for Medicare by lowering the age requirement for eligibility.
3. include dental, vision and hearing costs under an expanded Medicare program.
4. empower Medicare to negotiate with Big Pharma to reduce the cost of prescription drugs.
5. create a fast track agenda toward 100% clean energy that will slash air and climate pollution.
6. provide bold investments in public transit and union-built electric vehicles.
7. replace lead pipes in thousands of communities across the country.
8. create millions of good jobs through an equitable Civilian Climate Corps.
9. protect the Arctic Refuge from oil drilling.

We realize this proposed legislation is transformative and perhaps a once in a lifetime opportunity to help millions of Americans who have seen our economy badly damaged by Covid-19.

We urge your support for Build Back Better Act.

Thank You.

Solidarity,

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