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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT THOMPSON

As most of you already know, election day is coming up on Tuesday, November 8th. We often hear the question of why unions are involved in politics, and sadly the answer is that we have no choice. What many of us in the labor movement think of as our unalienable rights as American citizens actually only exist because of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). That law was put into place in the 1930s with an act of congress and a President's signature, and sadly it can be taken away just as easily.

Over the past ninety years, the NLRA has been picked apart, slowly but surely eroding our rights to form unions. The largest of these was the Taft-Hartley Act that put so-called "Right-to-Work" states into effect, allowing people to selfishly take all the benefits of a union contract without paying their fair share of the cost of winning and maintaining one. There have been dozens if not hundreds of other changes, slowly eating away at our legal power.

This is why we have to be involved in politics. We have to look at a lawmakers' positions on labor and labor related issues and vote accordingly. If enough pro-union politicians are elected, we could pass things like the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act and completely revitalize labor in our country.

But all that starts at the ballot box. When our union endorses a politician, it is solely because we feel they are the best person to enact positive, pro-labor changes. Please take our endorsement list with you to the polls on election day and vote for a better future for your union. Remember, a stronger union leads to a better paycheck.

2022 KENTUCKY ENDORSEMENTS

US Senate

Charles Booker

US House of Representatives

Congressional District 3 - Morgan McGarvey

Congressional District 4 - Matt Lehman

Kentucky House of Representatives

House District 20 - Patti Minter

House District 24 - Keith Pruitt * **LOCAL 89 MEMBER**

House District 31 - Rhonda Sue Foster

House District 33 - Kate Turner

House District 37 - Jeff Donohue

House District 38 - Rachel Roarx

House District 41 - Josie Raymond

House District 46 - Al Gentry

House District 47 - Kimberly Browning * **SPOUSE OF LOCAL 89 MEMBER**

House District 48 - Maria Sorolis

House District 51 - Jennifer Wheeler

House District 57 - Derrick Graham

House District 65 - Buddy Wheatley

House District 66 - Tim Montgomery * **LOCAL 100 BUSINESS AGENT**

House District 67 - Rachel Roberts

House District 94 - Angie Hatton

House District 95 - Ashley Tackett Lafeerty

Jefferson County Clerk

Tina Ward Pugh

Jefferson County Coroner

Jo-Ann Farmer

Louisville Mayor

Craig Greenburg

Nelson County Judge Executive

Eric Shelburne

Warren County Clerk

Johnnie Blissett * **LOCAL 89 MEMBER**

Shelbyville City Council

Willie Roberts * **IUE Member**

Kentucky Supreme Court

Angela Bisig

Michelle Keller

Kelly Thompson Jr.

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McKenzie Cantrell

Audra Eckerle

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Tracy Evette Davis

Julie Kaelin

Tish Morris

Theodore Ted Shouse

District Court Judge

Karen Faulkner

Yvette De La Guardia

Tanisha Ann Hickerson

Meghan McDonald

Mary Jude Woolford

2022 INDIANA ENDORSEMENTS

Indiana House of Representatives

House District 70 - Jason Shemanski

Scott County Sheriff

Jerry Goodin

Scott County Prosecutor

Chris Owens

Scott County Superior Court Judge

Marsha Houser

Floyd County Judge

Justin Brown

CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT - CHARLES BOOKER

In the never-ending war on workers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, there have been very few political allies as fierce as Charles Booker.

Charles Booker is running for the United States Senate in Kentucky. For those who do not know Booker or his views on organized labor - he is quite simply the most pro-union, pro-worker candidate the state has seen in many years, perhaps ever.

Booker is a proud advocate of the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, which was passed by the US House of Representatives but has stalled in the Senate. In fact, two years ago Booker toured Kentucky with Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders specifically to promote the PRO Act - including a meeting with union workers at the Local 89 Union Hall.

As an example of Booker's pro-union sentiment, here are just a few of the things the PRO Act would do if made law - require newly organized companies to have a contract within a year, make captive audience meetings during organizing drives illegal, and eliminate so-called "Right-to-Work" states.

For comparison, Booker's opponent - Rand Paul - frequently introduces legislation to turn make "Right-to-Work" a national law.

For the labor movement to thrive, we need allies in our nation's capital who are willing to expand our legal rights. When it comes to allies in the United States Senate, we would do no better than Charles Booker.



Booker speaks to Local 89 members at our Union Hall

Did you know?

Booker not only talks pro-union, he walks it as well. Booker has frequently visited union picket lines in Kentucky, and he voluntarily recognized his campaign staff as a union represented by Teamsters Local 89. A vote for Booker is also a vote to support the Teamsters on his staff.



Booker signs the Collective Bargaining Agreement for his Staff at our Union Hall



Agents Jay Dennis and Alex Murphy with Teamsters Local 89 members on Booker's Staff

CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT - KEITH PRUITT


MEMBER OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 89

Keith Pruitt is running for Kentucky State Representative for the 24th District which covers Larue, Hart, and Green Counties.

Pruitt has been a member of Teamsters Local 89 for eighteen years, and currently serves as the Chief Steward for our Carhaul members at KTP. He is proudly pro-union, supports repealing "Right-to-Work," and he intends to push a general pro-worker legislation if elected.

Contrasting with Pruitt's long history of pro-union values, his opponent is a puppet for ALEC, a corporate group that pushes anti-worker laws across the country. His opponent also voted in favor of turning Kentucky into a so-called "Right-to-Work" state in 2017.

When you go to the polls, remember that a vote for Keith Pruitt is a vote for a fellow Local 89 Teamster!



“ I will always strive to do my very best to serve the people who in trust me with their vote in District 24 and continue to carry the values and the privilege of being a Teamster. Many thanks to Avral and the Local 89 for their support. - **Keith Pruitt** ”



CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT - JOHNNIE BLISSETT III


MEMBER OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 89

Johnnie Blissett III is running for County Clerk in Warren County, Kentucky.

Blissett works at UPS Bowling Green, where he has served as an alternate steward and he has been a member of Teamsters Local 89 for the past sixteen years.

A proud union member, Blissett seeks to further serve his community by expanding County Clerk services in Warren. He hopes to establish simple accessibility options to assist seniors and those with disabilities, reduce the amount of unnecessary paper used, and streamline County Clerk processes for a more efficient experience.

Don't forget to vote for Johnnie Blissett III on election day to support a fellow Local 89 Teamster!



“ It gives me pleasure to announce that my campaign to become Warren County Clerk is being endorsed by the Teamsters Local 89 Labor Union! Special thanks to President Avral Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Cooper, and Political Director Bill Miller for being so supportive. I appreciate having you all on my team. - **Johnnie Blissett III** ”



FALL 2022 GENERAL MEETING PHOTOS



General Meeting Schedule

The following is the schedule for the next four General Meeting dates.

All General Meetings are held at 7:30 PM at the Teamsters Local 89 Union Hall in Louisville, Kentucky.

Winter 2022 - Friday, December 9th
Spring 2023 - Friday, March 10th
Summer 2023 - Friday, June 9th
Fall 2023 - Friday, September 8th

Pandemic Note: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent social distancing and crowd size restrictions in Kentucky, all General Meeting dates are subject to change or cancellation. Please check Local 89's social media and website for any changes in status for upcoming General Meetings.



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Next General Membership Meeting:
December 9, 2022
7:30 PM
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