

ELECTIONS 2006

THE WORLD'S LABOR COMMUNITY CELEBRATES OUR VICTORY...

The following communication was received by President Short on November 14, 2006, from the Union Network International global union, of which President Short serves as a Vice President:

Dear Brother Short,

On behalf of all UNI affiliates and the World Executive, I would like to express our delight at the outcome of the mid-term elections in the USA last week. The results have been very well received by our members around the world and many of them have asked me to convey their congratulations to our US affiliates for the considerable efforts made to win the election. We all hope that this marks a decisive turning point in the domestic and international policy agenda of the USA and that you can swing the political pendulum back to assist American working people and their families. We also hope that this will lead to a reform of union organizing and recognition processes and laws in the USA.

Best wishes, Philip
Philip Jennings
General Secretary
UNI Global Union
Nyon, Switzerland



Pictured above (left to right); Columbus Local 12 Business Agent Richard Shack and President Jason Gay, International President Short, International Representative Michael David, Local 12 Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Campbell, and Vice President Rex Buckingham.



Right: President Short addressed those attending the Ohio kick-off.

"The American people saved this country."

Congressman George Miller (D-CA)
Chairman, Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives

As a guest at the AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 14 in Washington, D.C., Congressman George Miller reflected on the mid-term elections held one week prior. He noted that there was no doubt that working men and women played "such a big part in this victory."

Congressman Miller has served on the Committee on Education and the Workforce since he was first elected to serve as a member of the House in 1975. As the new Committee Chair, he pledged his continued support and "give voice to the people" of this nation.

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John J. Sweeney, President
AFL-CIO
815 16th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear John,

Last year, after Tim Kaine and John Corzine won their gubernatorial races, I wrote to thank you and the presidents of your unions for the labor movement's enormous contributions to our 2005 successes. I noted that with union members' "talent, determination and hard work, we will build the winning coalition we need to bring us a pro-worker, pro-union congress in 2006 and return a Democrat to the White House in 2008." As last Tuesday's incredible results show, union members came through again, this time delivering the winning margins to take back the House and the Senate, along with numerous state houses and state legislatures. On behalf of the Democratic Party, I thank you and the members of the AFL-CIO Executive Council for your incalculable contributions to our successes last week.

I am proud of what the Party has accomplished over the last 21 months, putting organizers in the field in all 50 states, boosting our communications capacity significantly, helping to cultivate, field and fund an impressive pool of candidates, and together with the DSCC, DCCC, DGA and DLCC, sweeping Democrats to victory around the nation on Tuesday. But I know we could not have done it without unions and their members. There is NO political operation like the labor program; and when unions deploy their resources and, most important, their ground troops in a fight, we all win.

What your members have done for Democratic candidates and the Democratic Party this year is incredible, but what they have for America is even more important. Because of the labor movement's tremendous contributions, we can begin to move the nation in a new direction on jobs and the economy, health care and retirement security, trade policy rights of workers to form unions, energy independence, the war on terrorism and the crisis in Iraq. I know these are important priorities for your members, too, and I stand ready to work with you in any way I can to translate electoral victories into legislative wins for workers and their families.

Sincerely,
Howard Dean
Governor Howard Dean, M.D.
Chairman

cc: AFL-CIO Executive Council

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Though we should enjoy this victory, we cannot rest on our laurels. 2008 is just around the corner. Once again, our members and their families will have a critical role to play. This election has shown that if we put our minds, hearts, and backs into it together, we can accomplish great things. I look forward to seeing this movement get stronger and stronger over the next two years, so that we can win the White House not by a technicality or a few thousand votes, but by a landslide. If we can do that, and if we can add to our gains elsewhere, we'll have a real opportunity to make changes that will protect our members and all working Americans for years to come. I look forward to working with you toward that brighter future.

Fraternally yours,

The GOTV efforts of the IATSE throughout the U.S. were phenomenal this past year leading up to the recent mid-term elections. Ohio was one state of main focus and various activities took place in a number of cities throughout the State at which President Short participated. Go to page 43 to view the new 110th Congress.



Officers and members of Northern Ohio IATSE Locals turn out for Rally in Cleveland for Governor Ted Strickland on October 19, 2006.

