

# POLITICAL ACTION FUND

## Frequently Asked Questions

The CWA Political Action Fund is the political action committee for the working men and women of CWA, their families, and retirees. The PAF provides financial contributions to worker-friendly candidates. CWA can use only voluntary dollars to contribute to and endorse candidate for federal office. **No union dues money of any kind can be given to a political candidate for federal office or a national political party.** Every dollar you give to PAF is put to work building political power for you, your family, and your future.

**The CWA Political Action Fund makes politics work for working families.**

### WHAT IS PAF?

The Political Action Fund is a voluntary fund used for our political and legislative activities.

### WHAT IS THE MONEY USED FOR?

Political activities only. PAF money does not become part of the general union treasury. A portion of the money goes to the federal Political Action Committee (PAC) at the CWA International office for use in Congressional and U.S. Senate races.

Dollars contributed by members like you are used to:

- » Pay for grassroots lobbying efforts against anti-union and anti-worker legislation, lobbying efforts in favor of pro-worker bills, voter registration, and election day Get Out the Vote (GOTV) operations to help elect candidates who will fight for us.
- » Make contributions to local, state, and federal candidates who support our issues.

### WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PAF?

All working and retired CWA members and their families, as well as CWA employees and their families.

### WHY SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE?

In the current political climate, all of us are at risk of losing our jobs, benefits, and security. Each of us has an interest in fighting for pro-worker legislation. **The more money we raise, the more effectively we can protect ourselves and our families.**

### WHY IS CWA INVOLVED IN POLITICS?

Politics and our elected representatives have a huge impact on our union, our bargaining rights, our wages, benefits, and job security. CWA has a responsibility to protect members' rights and working conditions. In order to do this effectively, we must be involved in electing these representatives and holding them accountable. The political involvement of every one of our members is more important now than ever, as unions are under attack like never before.

### DOES CWA GIVE JUST TO DEMOCRATS?

No! Our number one priority is to support pro-workers, pro-CWA candidates and issues, no matter what party they are from.

### I DON'T TRUST POLITICIANS. WHY ARE WE GIVING THEM MONEY?

Not all politicians are crooked or untrustworthy, but we need to make sure that we defeat the ones who are and elect people who will truly fight for us.

**When we win at the polls, we win at the bargaining table!**

