



# What is the IUE-CWA Political Action Fund?

**T**he IUE-CWA Political Action Fund (PAF) is a non-partisan political action committee that fights for workers' political power. It is your chance to have your voice — and the issues you care about — heard at the local, state and national levels of government. Your voluntary contribution to the fund goes toward policies and candidates that defend workers' rights.

## Political Action Fund Victories!

Through our Political Action Fund, IUE-CWA has been successful in:

- ▶ Defeating **right-to-work** in **Colorado, Missouri, and West Virginia**
- ▶ Passing **Initiative 2**, an Ohio ballot initiative that overturned a state law curbing collective bargaining
- ▶ Defeating legislative attacks on public sector collective bargaining in Florida, Missouri, and Texas
- ▶ Passing **Proposition 30 in California**, protecting public education and saving thousands of jobs in the public sector
- ▶ Mobilizing hundreds of volunteers on the ground in Newark, New Jersey to be the most-active labor union in the city involved in the 2014 Mayoral race — resulting in the election of pro-worker champion, Ras Baraka, as Mayor



Anti-TPP Rally,



Political Action Bootcamp

## Political Action Fund Victories! - Profiled

### Fighting Attacks on Voting Rights

IUE-CWA members in Minnesota partnered with coalition allies to fight back a voter restriction measure. This attack on voting rights would have required citizens to present a photo ID to vote - which would have resulted in many voters being disenfranchised. IUE-CWA members and CWA participated in the campaign to defeat this measure, educating the public about protecting one of their most fundamental rights -the right to vote.

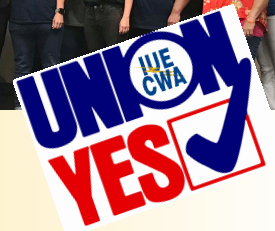


### “Give me 5!” — NLRB

CWA and IUE-CWA led the effort to fill all of the vacant seats on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), thus restoring the ability of workers to challenge workplace abuses by their employer. The NLRB makes important decisions for workers in the U.S. For example, they just ruled that our brothers and sisters organizing in T-Mobile could file all of their unfair labor practice complaints collectively creating pressure for T-Mobile to respect workers trying to organize for a collective bargaining agreement on the job.

### Pro-worker and progressive elected leaders

Our PAF funds raised go directly into funding organizing efforts around progressive champions across the country, like US Senator Sherrod Brown (OH) .



# Current Political Fights!

“Political action is key for protecting our jobs, and our quality of life. If we don’t get involved, we will see laws getting passed that hurt workers and the middle class. The more engaged our members are, the stronger we can be in our workplaces, in bargaining for our contracts, and in our communities.”  
—Ashley Snider, Louisville, KY

## ► Trans-Pacific Partnership

Much like the NLRB victory of 2013, IUE-CWA is leading the progressive charge against the disastrous Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal — known as “NAFTA on steroids.” The Political Action Fund is being used to support campaigns for candidates who stand with us in opposition to TPP and hold accountable those who want to send our jobs overseas.

## ► Money In Politics

In light of the dreadful Citizens United v. FEC and McCutcheon v. FEC Supreme Court decisions, our electoral process is now over-saturated and polluted with huge sums of money from major corporations, Wall Street, and the wealthy 1%. We need our politicians to fight against this, and we are using the collective power of our Political Action Fund contributions to support candidates who favor public financing of campaigns, and who want to put power back in the hands of average working Americans.

## ► Right-to-Work IS WRONG

We are currently fighting against corporate attempts to push right-to-work (IS WRONG) legislation in Missouri and Kentucky, as well as anti-worker efforts in Texas and Michigan, where we are working to elect pro-worker governors like Wendy Davis and Mark Schauer.



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Every dollar you give to IUE-CWA PAF is put to work building political power for you, your family and your future.

## Sign me up for IUE-CWA PAF:

Please deduct the following amount (check one) per pay check:

- \$20  \$15  \$10  
 \$5  \$\_\_\_other

1 hour to the movement. My hourly rate is \$\_\_\_ and I would like to contribute 1 hour each week to PAF.

I am currently contributing and I want my total contribution to be \$\_\_\_ per paycheck  
 I am paid  weekly  bi-weekly

I authorize my local union to determine how much I am currently contributing and fill in the new total amount to go to my payroll clerk above.

The amounts suggested above are merely guidelines, and CWA will not favor or disadvantage me because of the amount of my contribution or my decision not to contribute.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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MOBILE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ PAYROLL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

IUE-CWA LOCAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

This Authorization is voluntarily made based on my specific understanding that: The signing of this authorization card and the making of contributions to CWA PAF are not conditions of membership in the union or of employment with the Company and that I may refuse to do so without fear of reprisal. I am making a contribution to a joint fundraising effort sponsored by CWA PAF and the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education Political Contributions Committee (AFL-CIO COPE PCC) and that CWA-PAF and AFL-CIO COPE PCC will use my contributions for political purposes, including but not limited to, the making of contributions to or expenditures on behalf of candidates for federal, state and local offices and addressing political issues of public importance. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and the name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Contributions or gifts to CWA-PAF and AFL-CIO PCC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

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PAF THANK YOU PRIZE (SEE LEAFLET): \_\_\_\_\_

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