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TO: All District 9 Locals
FROM: Tony Bixler, Vice President
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SUBJECT: Employee Free Choice

I don't need to tell everyone how important having the Employee Free Choice Act is to the future of our union.

Thousands of Verizon Wireless, Comcast and the Livermore Lab workers in our District are just some of the workers that would be able to organize a union by using a majority sign-up rather than having to fight their employers.

Under the Employee Free Choice Act we will have a first contract arbitration section, guaranteeing we reach agreements, unlike our Comcast experiences in LA, Sacramento and Modesto.

Our District 9 legislators support us on this as do the majority of the United States House and Senate. In fact we expect to pick up stronger majorities in each House as well as electing a president who will sign this legislation.

This is a historic opportunity we must seize.

What we need to do now is have our members sign the Million Member Mobilization cards supporting the Employee Free Choice Act. We all pledged to sign at least 15% of our locals.

George Miller, the co-sponsor in the house has told us: "Give me a democratic president and a democratic congress with a million postcards and we will pass the Employee Free Choice Act in the first 100 days of the new congress".

So I urge you to use your local's Stewards Army and sign up the members so that we can deliver one million postcards on the Capitol steps with thousands of photos of the union members who support the Employee Free Choice Act.

If you have any questions please contact your staff or Libby Sayre or John Dugan.

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