

November 24, 2020

The Honorable Joe Biden, President-Elect
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Dear President-Elect Biden:

On behalf of our millions of members, we would like to congratulate you on your victory in the presidential election. With worsening storms and wildfires devastating families across the country, our supporters were energized by your commitment to build a sustainable future for our communities, planet, and workers.

It is for this reason that we support Congressman Andy Levin to serve as your Secretary of Labor. Rep. Levin's experience as a union organizer, human rights activist, workforce policy expert and green energy entrepreneur make him uniquely suited to excel as Secretary of Labor in this time of public health emergency, economic crisis, racial inequality, and environmental injustice.

Rep. Levin understands that unionization is essential to our democracy and to an equitable economy, and that climate solutions must be centered on workers. He has fought for a safe and healthy environment as an activist, as the founder of a green business, and as an elected official. As a member of the House of Representatives, he has been a champion of expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure, cleaning up hazardous sites, and fighting climate change: all of which have the potential to create good, union jobs. Rep. Levin has extensive experience within the labor movement, including organizing nursing home workers with SEIU, and leading the national campaign with the AFL-CIO to pass long-needed labor law reform. His deep and broad relationships within the labor movement will be invaluable if he is appointed Secretary of Labor.

Rep. Levin's success in implementing labor policy within government also shows he will be an exemplary Labor Secretary. He served as Chief Workforce Officer and as Acting Director of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, creating and leading programs to support working people and build support for critical labor legislation, including during the economic recession when the American auto industry was under threat of collapse. As a member of the US House of Representatives, he has served as Vice Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee and is a member of its Higher Education & Workforce and HELP Subcommittees. He was a leader in the passage of the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, and in the passage of legislation to protect the health and safety of registered nurses and other workers.

Throughout your long history of public service, you have demonstrated a deep commitment to fighting for working people, and your climate commitments during the campaign are historic. By nominating Rep. Andy Levin to serve as Secretary of Labor, you would be choosing someone committed to your vision and who is capable of bringing together the labor and environmental movement to implement it.

Our four groups urge you to nominate Congressman Andy Levin for Secretary of Labor to build a sustainable economy for workers and future generations.

Sincerely,

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