

The Labor Tribune

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The 2006 Election

The American worker is under full scale attack. Rising health care costs, greedy C.E.O.'s, outsourcing, privatization, and an unchecked border are just some of many examples of the stranglehold Corporate America has on Congress that is killing America. Your Teamster leaders have debated, argued and discussed all of the candidates running for office in 2006 and have passed endorsements to the individuals who realize the plight of the American worker. These endorsements are based solely on the candidates voting record on labor issues and whether collective bargaining is involved or not. Take a few moments to read about the men and women fighting for your future.

Ted Strickland- Ohio Governor

"Tax increase will not benefit Ohio" said Ohio Gubernatorial candidate, Ted Strickland, during the first of the debates held for Governor of Ohio in Youngstown on the 5th of September.



Strickland answered the 'Taxing Ted' T.V. ads that paint him in a negative light. "I haven't supported tax cuts for people who make over \$1,000,000 a year. Ohio's tax burden is the 3rd in the nation. Why should I support breaks for the wealthiest 3%?" Ted Strickland has spent the last 12 years in Congress fighting for the rights of the middle and low class. Strickland's voting attendance record in sets at 96%, one of the highest in Congress. "My opponent has raised spending in his own office by 73%; doesn't sound like a conservative to me." says Ted.

<http://www.tedstrickland.com/>

Sherrod Brown- United State Senate

"Everyday I go to work, I wear a pin on my lapel -- not the congressional symbol that most of my colleagues wear -- but a small pin, which depicts a canary in a cage." Brown addresses the emergency state of American Workers., "One hundred years ago, American coal miners took a canary down into the mine with them. If the canary died, it meant the air in the mine was toxic, and the miners knew they had to get out fast. In those days, there were no mine safety laws and no trade unions. Miners had to look out for themselves. We're in the same boat today." Brown has stood for labor, unions and 'making Fair Trade far' again for all Americans. Brown supports repealing NAFTA, CAFTA., free trade and always putting American Workers first. In 2004, Brown authored the book, "**Myths of Free Trade: Why American Trade Policy Has Failed.**" Brown is a true Ohioan at heart and is dedicated to Ohio's working class.



<http://www.sherrodbrown.com/>

Mary Jo Kilroy - Congress

"From here, together, we will change Congress and the direction of the country." Central Ohio deserves a Congresswoman with new priorities, who's an independent voice and stands up for Ohio values. It's time for a change, and with your help a change is coming."



<http://www.kilroyforcongress.com/>

Jennifer Brunner -Secretary of State

The time is now for Jennifer Brunner's campaign for Ohio Secretary of State. Jennifer has gained the support of a diverse constituency, people of all backgrounds who support her in defending the most sacred American right -- the right to vote. She will work to protect every Ohioan's right to make their own voice heard.



<http://www.jenniferbrunner.com/>

<http://www.tedstrickland.com/>

<http://tedstricklandforgovernor.20m.com>

The Democratic Leadership Council Joins with Top Labor Organizations to Endorse the Employee Free Choice Act

Workers should have the right to request union representation without being subjected to intimidation or lengthy battles, according to the Democratic Leadership Council and labor leaders. Iowa Governor and DLC Chair Tom Vilsack , AFL-CIO President John Sweeney , Change to Win Federation Chair Anna Burger, AFSCME President Gerald McEntee and United Steelworkers International President Leo Gerard reiterated their support for the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA). The Act, which was reintroduced to Congress last year, seeks to strengthen worker protection by requiring that employers recognize unions when the majority of workers request representation, as well as provide mediation and arbitration of first-contract disputes. The act also authorizes stronger penalties for violations when workers are prevented from forming unions.

FACT: America currently loses 44,900 manufacturing jobs every month. (U.S. Department of Labor)

Helmets to Hardhats

Helmets to Hardhats is a national program that connects transitioning active-duty and reserve-component military with training and employment opportunities within the construction industry. Currently there are 1,482 employers and local trade unions that have posted 3,356 career opportunities on the Helmets to Hardhats Web site. The program allows candidates to start construction careers soon after they apply, and also gives them credit for military training and experience. The intent of the program is to help those with military experience get hired in civilian construction trades that the program's organizers claim are facing a critical labor shortage. The program emphasizes jobs that offer higher than average wages and benefits. A recent national survey indicates that union workers earn an average of \$4.08 more per hour than non-union construction workers. www.helmetstohardhats.org

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-Recommended Reading: Take This Job and Ship It: How Corporate Greed and Brain Dead Politics are Ruining this Country. By Senator Byron Dorgan

North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan has been a champion for workers rights now for 12 years. Read his book or log on to his website and you will be convinced that he is the savior of the Americans Soul; the working class. "As big companies move their jobs to China, sell their products in America, and run their profits through the Cayman Islands to avoid taxes, they undermine American workers and threaten our future." Thank God for freedom fighters, like Dorgan, who keep the torch lit for the America we all know and love.

<http://takethisjobandshipit.com/>

Teamsters Facts

The Teamsters were Founded in 1903. Current members chime in at 1.4 million. James P. Hoffa is the president. Office location: Washington, D.C. www.teamsters.org

FACT: NAFTA has caused the loss of 750,00 U.S. jobs. (U.S. Department of Labor)

FACT: On April 20, 1914, James Fyler died of acute lead poisoning. He had been shot fifty-four times.

In 1914 in Ludlow Colorado , nine thousand mineworkers were on for strike better working conditions and higher wages. John D. Rockefeller's CF&I refused to recognize the Union, give an eight hour work day, abolish armed guards, or enforce state employment laws. By April, the National Guard had been called in and were camped on the hills above Ludlow Station. On Monday morning, April 20, 1914, the National Guardsman opened fire with a machine gun and rifles. The miners shot back but at the days end forty miners and their families were killed, including eleven children and two women, their tents set afire. James Fyler, the Union Secretary, was shot 54 times because he believed that workers should collect some of the fruit of their own labor.

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