

# POLITICS AND YOUR UNION

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## **Fight for Infrastructure Investment**

From investment in roads, bridges and tunnels to water and energy infrastructure, building our nation creates tens of thousands of good jobs for LIUNA members. A significant number of the construction hours worked by your fellow members work are tied to transportation work.

We must push members of Congress and state leaders to keep our roads and bridges from falling into disrepair and invest in restoring our country's infrastructure. When work hours decline for LIUNA members, it means fewer contributions are made to your pension fund and your brothers and sisters struggle to feed their families.

## **Protect Prevailing Wage Laws**

Prevailing wage laws ensure that taxpayer-funded projects pay local prevailing wages and benefits. Those are the wages and benefits that prevail in your community. That way government projects don't drive down local pay or benefits standards. Without prevailing wage laws, union contractors will struggle and so will proud LIUNA members.

## **Stop So-Called Right-to-Work**

So-called right-to-work laws are part of the conservative agenda to defund unions and stop workers from winning fair wages and benefits. Twenty-eight states have right-to-work laws on the books already and more states are considering the legislation.

With so-called right-to-work, unions are forced to represent members whether they pay dues or not. It's not fair that freeloaders can take advantage of the same wages, benefits and working conditions.

## **Protecting Pensions**

Some members of Congress are pushing proposals that would undermine our union's network of multi-employer pension funds; including increasing the fees paid into the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and new surcharges on contributing employers. Increases in government-imposed fees don't help retirees make ends meet or improve the financial well-being of pension funds. LIUNA is committed to ensuring the retirement security of the hundreds of thousands of LIUNA members and their families who depend on union pensions.

## **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- **Get involved with your Local Union by participating in meetings and events.**
- **Sign up for email updates from your union by going to [Liuna.org](http://Liuna.org) and joining the LIUNA Action Network.**
- **Contribute to the LIUNA PAC and support candidates that fight for working families. Ask your Local Union for details.**