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Memorandum

TO: All Members of the LIUNA General Executive Board
All LIUNA Headquarters Employees
All LIUNA Headquarters Fund Employees

FROM: General President Booker
General Secretary-Treasurer Sabitoni

DATE: October 14, 2025

As you know, our coworker, friend, and Sister Lisa Martin was tragically killed in a cycling accident on October 8, 2025, at the age of 50.

A devoted wife, mother, stepmother, teammate, union Sister, and a passionate advocate, Lisa was born to Leslie Auger and John Martin on August 22, 1975, in California. Shortly after she was born, her family moved to New Hampshire where she was raised. She stepped into her passion for progressive politics while attending George Washington University, excelling in the Progressive Student's Union studying Criminal Justice, and going on to graduate Magna Cum Laude. Capitalizing on her love of cycling, Lisa became one of DC's most dependable bicycle couriers, and also began her career as a digital organizer for a variety of progressive advocacy campaigns. In 2007, Lisa joined LIUNA in the Strategic Communications Department, where her passion for giving voice to America's most exploitable workforce mixed with her skills as a writer and visionary digital strategist drove her to rise quickly. She became the Director in 2017.

Her first child, Mary Julia, was born in 2002, followed by her son, Alex, in 2009. Lisa always made time to be a loving and supportive mother. As an avid animal lover, she also fostered and owned several cats. Lisa loved lifting up the laborers she supported in her professional role, as well as loved learning new skills, advocacy, and music. She never met a dance floor she did not tear up. Participating and medaling in dozens of races across the Region, Lisa joined competitive racing team Route 1 Velo, and was chosen to be the group's President last year.

Lisa met the love of her life, Mario Zometa, in 2018 and the two were married in 2022 in a ceremony presided over by her beloved friend, Erin Bryant. Lisa and Mario blended their families and Lisa was overjoyed to become stepmother to Mario's daughters, Gabriella and Estrella. Many long weekends were spent exploring Mario's home country of El Salvador, where Lisa and Mario built their dream home for retirement. Lisa taught herself Spanish so she could communicate in their El Salvadorian community. In addition, she was teaching herself Greek in honor of her grandparents before she passed away. Lisa will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Lisa is survived by her husband, Mario Zometa; one daughter, Mary Julia; one son, Alex; two stepdaughters, Estrella and Gabriella; her mother, Leslie Martin Auger; her stepfather, Denis Raymond Auger; a half-sister who resides in Washington state; as well as a large and loyal group of friends and 3 cats. She was preceded in death by her father, John Watkins Martin.

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Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at Boston – St. Fort Funeral Home, 5801 Cleveland Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD 20737, telephone number 240-667-2520. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m., at the funeral home.

A GoFundMe page has been created to assist her children with basic needs. Please visit this page if you would like to donate: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-in-memory-of-lisa-martin-help-her-children>

Lisa's official obituary may be viewed online at: <https://www.dmvcremation.com/obituary/Lisa-Martin>

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mario at his home address:

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