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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Madam Speaker:

On behalf of the over 500,000 proud, hardworking men and women of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I want to thank you again for your leadership in steering our nation through the COVID-19 economic and health care crisis. H.R. 8406, The HEROES Act, will go a long way toward helping essential workers on the job, their families, and those who are unemployed.

H.R. 8406 has \$2.2 trillion in significant, necessary help for middle class families everywhere. LIUNA is especially supportive of the health care and economic relief provisions in the bill, including critically needed relief for multi-employer pensions in the form of partition (EPRA) and the optional composite provisions of the GROW Act.

Regarding health care, LIUNA is very pleased that H.R. 8406 contains needed funds for testing and tracing of COVID-19, as well as funds for a critically needed vaccine. Thankfully, H.R. 8406 also includes a much-needed OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard to protect Laborers and other front-line essential workers. It restores unemployment benefits, continuing the \$600 federal unemployment payments through next January and preventing unemployed workers from exhausting their eligibility. The bill's over \$400 billion in assistance to state, local and tribal governments will provide a much-needed infusion into our communities for infrastructure and for the protection of public sector workers' jobs. Direct payments of \$1,200 for taxpayers and another \$500 for dependents will help families survive these challenging economic times. The bill also importantly safeguards our democracy with new resources to ensure safe elections and an accurate census, and to preserve the Postal Service.

All of these provisions will help our economy by putting workers back to work, protecting those on the job, and protecting the health of all Americans so that our nation can fully re-open safely. Thank you again for your great leadership. LIUNA is proud to support H.R. 8406, the HEROES Act.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

TERRY O'SULLIVAN
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