

# SAMPLE LETTER

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Dear Local xxx Member:

Union members face challenges from big business on a broad range of issues. Corporations are increasingly flexing their muscles with lawmakers to ensure the passage of legislation that gives them greater rights in the workplace and preferential treatment from taxpayers. Working families are literally paying the price for this. That's why it is essential that you stand up and show your commitment to a strong and vital labor movement.

On October 6, ballots for the election of International Union officers will be mailed to your home and we, the members of this great union, will have the opportunity to vote for International General President, General Secretary-Treasurer, At-Large Vice Presidents, Regional Vice Presidents and Trustees. Take the time to educate yourself about the candidates and to **VOTE** in this important election. Each member of our union has an equal voice and every vote counts.

Voting in the International officer election tells anti-labor politicians and employers that our membership is active and involved in the union. Voter participation in this election makes our union stronger.

The only thing voting will cost you is the time it takes to learn about the issues and the ink it takes to mark the ballot. Not voting, though, will cost so much more. When we don't vote, we send a message to employers, politicians and the public that Teamster members don't value democracy. Let's show our power. Vote in the upcoming election, it's your right and your responsibility.

For more information on the election, contact the Election Supervisor at (844) 428-8683, or (202) 429-8683 in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, or go to [www.ibtvote.org](http://www.ibtvote.org).