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VIA EMAIL

To: All IBEW Local Union Business Managers in the United States

Re: Virtual Phone Banking Opportunities

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

With 12 days until they close the books on the 2020 election, the IBEW is stepping up our virtual ground game. I am writing to request your help in two separate endeavors with our union's massive mobilization effort in the final hours on behalf of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

First, please join me, Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth W. Cooper, special guests and hundreds of IBEW members for a phone bank push on Saturday, October 24, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. <u>Here is a flyer</u> a well as a <u>social media graphic</u> to distribute to your networks and here is a <u>direct link</u> to sign up. Invite your friends and family as well as all of the IBEW members in your network. The IBEW will be calling friendly audiences from the Biden campaign's universe of identified supporters and encouraging them to get out the vote. All you need is an Internet connection, a phone and a computer or tablet.

I know what the polls say. Yet lost in the headlines is the fact that Donald Trump has more volunteers knocking on doors; his get-out-the-vote operation is superior to Biden's. The IBEW's grassroots efforts are limited to phone calls in the key battleground states that we targeted months ago because of their importance to the electoral map and because our numbers are significant in Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Second, the IBEW decided to launch a truly member-to-IBEW-member program. International office staff and local union volunteers have been making these calls for the past two weeks but more help is needed to complete the job effectively. More than 40 million Americans have already voted. Please see the attached flyer regarding these national phone banks and ask your rank-and-file members to help call IBEW members in these crucial states.

Phone bank trainings are every Monday through Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see the registration links below and be sure to register in advance.



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> Monday through Saturday at 1:00 pm Eastern Time Standard https://ibew.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEod-mvqjwsG9azgJ2ti1wxRxEdeh4AdXqO

Monday through Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time Standard https://ibew.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcsdOGspj4rHNIiQFjfbZwariEY6Drc8Pz0

Voter turnout in this unusual election year is going to be more important than ever and each one of these calls will make a huge difference to counteract the message IBEW members are hearing from Trump's campaign. As I have said on many occasions over the past few months, the soul of our country is at stake. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are counting on the IBEW to carry them over the finish line, and the IBEW is not going to let them down.

Your efforts in both of these critically important phone banking opportunities is much needed and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact International Representative Rennie Blye via email to <u>rennie_blye@ibew.org</u>.

With best wishes, I am

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