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TUESDAY

Why Hillary is the Clear Choice for AFGE Members

illary Clinton is the only candidate with the experience, temperament, and competence to be our next Commander-in-Chief. Period.

While Donald Trump was busy bankrupting companies, shortchanging contractors, playing a competent businessman on TV, and slapping his name on overpriced items made overseas, Hillary Clinton was rolling up her sleeves and delivering results for working people like us.

Clinton on Unions:

"Of course labor will have a seat at the table in my Administration. Labor built the table."

She's been an advocate for 9/11 first responders and children with disabilities, a champion for improving educational standards and health care access for everyone, a fighter for women's rights, and a bridge builder who helped restore our standing on the world stage following eight years of disastrous leadership under the George W. Bush administration.

Hillary Clinton is a fighter who won't back down to anyone. She's precisely the leader we need in

— Trump on the VA: _____ "Veterans Administration is slow…I'll tear it down and build it from scratch."

By Adam Schultz for Hillary for America.

Washington to stand up to those who want to shut down the government, cut our pay, and eliminate our jobs. She'll make sure the gains of our economic recovery are shared with everyone – not just the privileged few.

If you believe in rebuilding the middle class and raising wages for working people across the board, **Hillary is your candidate.**

If you believe in keeping your job, getting a meaningful pay raise, and improving your standard of living, **Hillary is your candidate.**

Clinton on the VA:

"Let's fix the VA but we will never let it be privatized."

If you believe that working people should have a voice at the worksite and a seat at the table when decisions are made, **Hillary is your candidate.**

Brothers and sisters, the choices we make in this election will decide the future of our country – not just for the next four years, but for the next generation and beyond. So choose wisely.

Why Hillary is Our Candidate

When you cast your vote for Hillary Clinton in November, here's what you're also voting **YES** to:

YES to protecting your job from outsourcing. Hillary understands that federal employees are the bestequipped workers to deliver services to the American people – whether it's treating our wounded warriors, screening airline passengers, or ensuring the elderly get their Social Security payments. She will never privatize these vital government services.

YES to giving yourself a raise. Hillary believes that every working family deserves to earn a decent wage. She knows federal employees have been given the short end of the stick for far too long. That's why she supports increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour and providing federal workers with meaningful pay raises that will help you get ahead.

Trump on Federal Budget: – "We will cut so much, your head will spin."

YES to caring for our nation's veterans. Hillary agrees with the vast majority of veterans who want their health care delivered by qualified VA medical staff – not outsourced to for-profit, private-sector providers. She believes in strengthening VA – not selling out our veterans to the lowest bidder.

Donald Trump is No Working Class Hero

Donald Trump claims to want to bring good-paying jobs back to the U.S., but he has a history of abusing American workers and companies at his own businesses. Here are three examples:

"I like right to work [for less]. My position on right to work is 100%."

Trump on Unions:

1. Not paying his bills. From as far back as the 1980s to the present, Donald Trump has a well-documented history of failing to pay small business, waiters, dishwashers, plumbers and other contractors who have worked on Trump projects.

2. Favoring foreign workers over American hires. Despite claiming to want to bring jobs back to the U.S., Donald Trump routinely hires foreign guest workers for jobs that Americans could do – at least 1,256 positions during the past 15 years, according to a CNN review of Department of Labor records.



3. Fighting union organizing efforts. The Culinary Workers Union's effort to organize 500 maids, bartenders and bellhops at the Trump International Hotel in Las Vegas has been aggressively fought at every turn by hotel management – similar to another battle several years earlier in which Trump defeated an effort by Unite Here Local 1 to organize employees at Trump's new hotel in Chicago.

This November 8th, vote for a future and a job your family can be proud of. Vote for Hillary Clinton for president.

*** U.S. Senate Endorsements**



ontrol of the U.S. Senate is just as important to your job as control of the White House.
Senators fund our agencies, start and end shutdowns, determine our pay and benefits, and
more. These candidates need your support so that can build a better future for us all.



Lisa Murkowski Senate (Alaska)

AFGE endorses Lisa Murkowski for Senator from Alaska. As Senator, she defended federal employees' workplace rights and fought for fair wages. She's stood with us to stop shutdowns and worked to ensure we have the resources we need to serve all Americans.



Conner Eldridge Senate (Ark.)

AFGE endorses Conner Eldridge for Senator from Arkansas. He'll work to to make sure the VA is funded so veterans never have to wonder if they'll get the care they need. He'll fight for fair cost-of-living adjustments and against privatizing Social Security.



Ann Kirkpatrick Senate (Ariz.)

AFGE endorses Ann Kirkpatrick for Senator from Arizona. Kirkpatrick opposes privatization of Social Security and Medicare. She supports border agents and law enforcement officials and opposed cuts to federal funding for border security.



Kamala Harris Senate (Calif.)

AFGE endorses Kamala Harris for Senator from California. Harris will block efforts to privatize Social Security and work to ensure veterans are cared for by fully funding the VA. She'll fight for fair wages and against discrimination in the workplace.



Michael Bennet Senate (Colo.)

AFGE endorses Michael Bennet for Senator from Colorado. He opposed shutdowns and fought for a federal budget that works for all Americans. His student loan policies have opened opportunities for young people by reducing college debt.



Richard Blumenthal Senate (Conn.)

AFGE endorses Richard Blumenthal for Senator from Connecticut. As Senator, he's been a staunch friend to VA employees and the veterans they serve. He introduced legislation to improve veterans' health care and protect workers' fundamental rights.



Patrick Murphy Senate (Fla.)

AFGE endorses Patrick Murphy for Senator from Florida. In Congress, Murphy fought to raise the minimum wage, close the gender pay gap, and protect workplace rights. He's also the only Senate candidate who has been an AFGE member.



Jim Barksdale Senate (Ga.)

AFGE endorses Jim Barksdale for Senator from Georgia. He'll block efforts to privatize Social Security and advocate for a strong VA. He supports rebuilding America's infrastructure and opposes trade deals that ship jobs overseas.



Brian Schatz Senate (Hawaii)

AFGE endorses Brian Schatz for Senator from Hawaii. As Senator, Schatz has fought to increase the minimum wage, close the gender pay gap, and provide more economic opportunity to working families.



Patty Judge Senate (Iowa)

AFGE endorses Patty Judge for Senator from Iowa. She's fought for clean energy and to raise the minimum wage. As Senator, she will block efforts to privatize Social Security and end obstructionist politics that left a Supreme Court seat vacant.



Tammy Duckworth Senate (III.)

AFGE endorses Tammy Duckworth for Senator from Illinois. As a proud veteran and longtime advocate for the VA. She's worked to end veteran suicide and homelessness. She opposes bad trade deals and will fight for affordable college education.



Evan Bayh Senate (Ind.)

AFGE endorses Evan Bayh for Senator from Indiana. Bayh has a strong record of crafting and supporting smart environmental policy, working to create goodpaying jobs, and standing with Indiana families by firmly opposing bad trade deals.



Foster Campbell Senate (La.)

AFGE endorses Foster Campbell for Senator from Louisiana. He supports Equal Pay, an increased minimum wage, college loan forgiveness, and expanding health care services to the poor. He's also advocated for domestic violence victims.



Jim Gray Senate (Ky.)

AFGE endorses Jim Gray for Senator from Kentucky. Thanks to Gray, Lexington workers now earn 13.5% more than they did before he took office. As Senator, Gray's commonsense approach to job creation will help raise wages for all working Americans.



Chris Van Hollen Senate (Md.)

AFGE endorses Chris Van Hollen for Senator from Maryland. He led the charge against deep pay and pension cuts and fought to eliminate sequestration cuts. He cosponsored the 2016 bill to give federal employees a 5.3% catch-up pay increase.



Jason Kander Senate (Mo.)

AFGE endorses Jason Kander for Senator from Missouri. He is a veteran who will support a strong, well-funded VA and work to end veteran homelessness and suicide. He is a strong advocate of voting rights and working families.



Deborah Ross Senate (N.C.)

AFGE endorses Deborah Ross for Senator from North Carolina. She's fought to get our veterans the care and benefits they were promised. She understands that the best way to grow our economy is to create good jobs and stop shipping them overseas.



Maggie Hassan Senate (N.H.)

AFGE endorses Maggie Hassan for Senator from New Hampshire. She will ensure our seniors get the Social Security benefits they earned and strengthen the VA. She is a leading supporter of the Paycheck Fairness Act to guarantee women equal pay for equal work.



Catherine Cortez Masto Senate (Nev.)

AFGE endorses Catherine Cortez Masto for Senator from Nevada. She's dedicated to raising the minimum wage, ensuring working people get paid fairly, and stopping job-killing trade deals. She will fight for legislation that keeps and creates American jobs.



Ted Strickland Senate (Ohio)

AFGE endorses Ted Strickland for Senator from Ohio. He would fight to increase the minimum wage and ensure proper payment for overtime work. He will fight to empower employees at the negotiating table by protecting and expanding their union rights.



Katie McGinty Senate (Pa.)

AFGE endorses Katie McGinty for Senator from Pennsylvania. McGinty supports raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. McGinty believes that those who want a good education shouldn't have to go broke to get one.



Russ Feingold Senate (Wis.)

AFGE endorses Russ Feingold for Senator from Wisconsin. He's worked to improve health care for veterans and stood firmly against unfair trade agreements that ship American jobs overseas. He is a strong advocate for our right to form or join a union.

* U.S. House Endorsements *



emocrat, Republican, or Independent, AFGE supports candidates who support our members and their families. We've endorsed candidates in each state and U.S. territory. Find your endorsed candidate below and show your support for them on election day.

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