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Illinois Central Labor Council Presidents and  
AFL-CIO Community Services Liaisons

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each year state federation presidents are asked to provide an endorsement letter to be used in local United Way campaigns.

We support the United Way and understand the importance of bringing together voices, uniting workers, and strengthening communities to address crucial human needs. However, there have been instances in recent years where disputes occur between Labor and a local United Way in the state of Illinois.

For the upcoming campaign, we intend to provide individual endorsement letters for United Way organizations. When a request is made by a local AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison or Central Labor Council president (in non-liaison cities) we will confirm that no dispute exists between Labor and the local United Way before providing an endorsement.

This will allow us to support organizations that are truly partnering to create results for working families. Requests for letters of endorsement should be sent to our Springfield office at 534 South Second St., Springfield, IL 62701.

In Unity & Solidarity,

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