# AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF BOILERMAKERS WHO WILL FIGHT FOR



### SEN. BARACK OBAMA WILL BRING CHANGE FOR WORKING FAMILIES



BARACK OBAMA

SUPPORTS EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT. Obama co-sponsored and voted for the Employee Free Choice Act, which would restore workers' freedom to form unions and bargain for better wages, benefits and working conditions without employer harassment. Obama says, "It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when" the bill will be passed. (H.R. 800, Vote 227, 6/26/07; *Chicago Tribune*, 3/4/07) **OPPOSES UNFAIR TRADE DEALS.** Obama wants to stop rewarding corporations for sending our jobs overseas and only enter trade agreements with strong labor protections. He voted against CAFTA and supports extending Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers. (Speech to Building Trades Conference, 4/15/08; Cleveland Democratic Debate, NBC, 2/26/08; S. 1307, Vote 170, 6/30/05; Obama remarks, Raleigh, N.C., 6/9/08; Obama for America website)

#### PROTECTS OUR

**RETIREMENT.** Obama will protect Social Security from benefit cuts and will not raise the retirement age. He voted against benefit cuts in the U.S. Senate and strongly opposes privatization. He also wants to give seniors making less than \$50,000 a tax cut. (*Quad-City Times*, 9/21/07; S.C.R. 18, Vote 49, 3/15/05; S. Amdt. 144 to S.C.R. 18, Vote 47, 3/15/05)

#### **SEN. JOHN McCAIN WILL NOT**



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**STRONGLY OPPOSED' TO EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT.** McCain said he is "strongly opposed" to this important effort to level the playing field for workers trying to form unions. He voted against the Employee Free Choice Act, which would help save the middle class, and for a national "right to work" for less law that would attempt to eliminate unions altogether. (Congressional Record, page S8389, 6/26/07; H.R. 800, Vote 227, 6/26/07; S. 1788 Vote 188, 7/10/96)

X THINKS NAFTA WAS A 'GOOD IDEA.' McCain voted for NAFTA and said, "I know NAFTA was a good idea." He has repeatedly voted for unfair trade deals and supported tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas. He also voted to weaken and waive Buy American laws that keep jobs here at home. (Des Moines Register and www.BigThink.com interview, 11/07; H.R. 3450, Vote 395, 11/20/93; H.R. 4444, Vote 251, 9/19/00; S. 1637, Vote 83, 5/5/04; S. 2400, Vote 135, 6/22/04; S. 1050, Vote 191, 5/21/03)

## WANTS TO PRIVATIZE

SOCIAL SECURITY. McCain said he is "totally in favor" of risky personal savings accounts. He strongly supported President Bush's efforts to privatize Social Security and has voted for similar measures multiple times. His chief economic aide also has said McCain will not rule out raising the retirement age or reducing cost-of-living adjustments. (Wall Street Journal, 3/3/08; S.C.R. 83, Vote 68, 3/16/06; S.Amdt. 489 to S.C.R. 21, Vote 89, 3/22/07; S.C.R. 86, Vote 56, 4/1/98; S.C.R. 86, Vote 77, 4/1/98)





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