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PA AFL-CIO Calls for Every Vote Cast to be Counted

Leadership Lauds Union Campaign Volunteers, Urge Unity Among Working Families

Harrisburg, PA — In preparation for the November 5 election, the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO launched the largest union-voter to union-voter mobilization effort both in the United States and in its history. Union voters across the state mobilized and rallied in support of the candidates who are committed to standing up for union families.

“The outcome of the election is evidence that our efforts to educate must grow and our conversations with our neighbors must begin to intersect,” said Angela Ferritto, president of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. “While I suspect there is going to be a lot of Monday-morning quarterbacking on what could have been better — and I am looking forward to those conversations — it’s way too early to fully unpack the divided realities that resulted in the outcome, but never too soon to begin the work ahead to unite toward a collective future that protects working families and the union rights they have earned.

“We’re trade unionists; we don’t get discouraged when things don’t go our way. We organize.

“Here’s what I know today: every single vote must be counted,” she continued. “The strength of our democracy depends on counting every vote, no matter how long it takes and we’re here to make sure this process is fair, transparent, and complete.”

Maurice Cobb, secretary-treasurer for the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO added, “We represent more than 700,000 workers across Pennsylvania. All of those voters, and their families, were contacted multiple times. We had representation from over 40 international unions leaning in to do the work, and we met our people where they were—online, on doors, on phones, and at their worksites.

“We endorsed candidates that support unions - many of those folks didn’t get elected on Tuesday, which means we must continue the conversation we began in the spring, so our campaign is not over. The pro-union, pro-working family coalitions must be strengthened and grown.”

Pennsylvania’s labor movement remains steadfast in our dedication to ensuring a future that prioritizes the rights and dignity of working people.

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