



October 20, 2011

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Dear Rich:

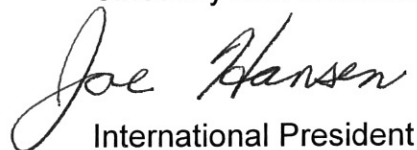
America's working families and the middle class are being squeezed harder than ever in an unstable economy. Between stagnant wages and soaring costs for fuel, food, and health care, many hard-working families are hurting as never before. As we work to turn America around, we want to remember our neighbors and working families in need, many for the first time ever.

United Way has been the human services partner of unions for more than 60 years. It works to see that contributions go directly to programs having real impact in our communities, promoting financial stability for families, health care for children, early childhood development, and education.

I endorse the United Way Campaign in the communities where our members live and work, and thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile campaign.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,


International President