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Dear Governor Romney:

On behalf of the 2.1 million nurses, school bus drivers, security officers, corrections officers, and other members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), we invite you to join members of our Republican Member Advisory Committee to discuss the issues at stake for working families.

With more than 224,000 Republican members, SEIU members are committed to supporting candidates who stand with America's workers – regardless of party affiliation. Our support and engagement in the political process is focused on electing leaders committed to putting America back to work in good jobs and standing with working people to win a voice and justice on the job.

As Republicans, we believe we cannot restore the strength and vigor of the American economy without putting people back to work. We know that reduced unemployment will increase Americans' purchasing power, spur direct investment in American businesses, and create more jobs.

As workers who heal, care for, educate, and protect our communities, we know we can't afford more crippling cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, or other programs critical to our families and communities.

We are reaching out to you because we believe that the words Republican and union can go hand in hand. SEIU members have a strong history of supporting Republican politicians willing to engage with SEIU members in efforts to win good jobs in our communities. In 2008, SEIU members endorsed a record number of Republican candidates for federal, state, and local offices in more than 30 states. In addition, SEIU members contribute to the Republican Governors Association, the Republican Main Street Partnership and the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee.

The relationships we continue to build with Republican elected officials across the country are leading to meaningful victories:

- In Oregon, SEIU members worked to re-elect two House Republicans who stood with public service workers and supported policies to protect workers and their right to a voice on the job.
- Through our strong relationships with Republican leaders in Washington State, 10,000 Family Child Care workers won the right to join together in a union and have a voice in the care they provide our children.

- In Florida, Republican office holders - - who were supported by SEIU - - blocked efforts to deny workers a right to a voice on the job.

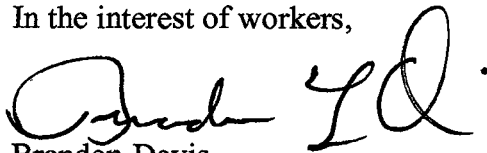
We hope that you will see this letter as an invitation to have a serious dialogue with our committee. We look forward to building stronger partnerships with Republican candidates who support pro worker principles. Our pro worker principles include:

- The creation of good jobs;
- Ending devastating cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and other programs that serve the common good;
- Strengthening communities by ensuring that all – including corporations and the wealthy - -pay their fair share in taxes; and
- Leveling the playing field for all workers through comprehensive immigration reform that is fair to workers and works for employers.

Please write to us and share your feedback and stance on these core issues. Upon receiving, we would like to consider meeting with you to discuss strategies to build a stronger nation where everyone has access to a good job, affordable healthcare, a secure retirement and where all workers and their families are guaranteed a better future.

For more information or to set up a meeting with SEIU's Republican Member Advisory Committee, please contact Brandon Davis, SEIU's National Political Director, at [202.730.7000](tel:202.730.7000).

In the interest of workers,



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