



BARACK OBAMA ON LABOR ISSUES

BARACK OBAMA IS COMMITTED TO FIGHTING FOR AMERICA'S WORKERS

Ensure Freedom to Unionize

Barack Obama believes that workers should have the freedom to join a union without harassment or intimidation from their employers. Obama is a co-sponsor and strong advocate of the Employee Free Choice Act, a bipartisan effort to make the unionization process more transparent and increase penalties on companies that violate employee rights.

Increase Collective Bargaining Rights Across the Economy

Obama believes that employees in many non-unionized sectors should have the right to work together to build stronger and safer workplaces. Obama supports the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act, which would provide public safety workers the right to bargain collectively.

Uphold Overtime Pay

Obama opposes efforts to roll back the Fair Labor Standards Act, including proposals that allow employers to use comp time, whereby employees who work longer than 40 hours a week get additional vacation time, instead of getting overtime pay.

Hold Corporate America Responsible

Obama has joined union efforts to get Wal-Mart and other large employers to improve working conditions, wages and health coverage.

Secure Pensions

Obama supports amending bankruptcy laws to keep companies from avoiding their pension obligations. Obama supported new rules to force companies to properly fund their pension plans so taxpayers don't end up footing the bill and workers aren't left without adequate retirement security. He has also voted to shore up the funding of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Fight for Fair Trade

Obama will fight for a trade policy that opens foreign markets to support good American jobs. He will use trade agreements to spread improved labor and environmental standards around the world and stand firm against agreements like the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) that fail to live up to those important standards.



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