

# *IAM Shop Steward Alert:*

**S**hop Stewards know the value of strong language.

Good, strong contract language can make all the difference when fighting to protect your fellow workers or their rights on the job.

At the national level, strong labor laws can make the same difference for workers across the country. Like many established rights, however, they are often taken for granted until threatened or lost.

On November 5, we can stand up and defend those rights, or we can sit back and allow them to be taken away.

Among the 36 prospective governors, 435 House candidates and 34 Senate hopefuls, there are some who would gleefully reverse years of progress toward safer workplaces, secure pensions and greater opportunities for workplace democracy.

Shop Stewards should always warn co-workers when some workplace hazard or rule threatens to place them at risk. It is a Steward's duty to make members aware of such danger, and to provide good advice through good example.

This week, Shop Stewards can fulfill that obligation by counseling IAM members to join them in casting informed votes on Nov. 5, Election Day.

The potential impact of a Congress led by anti-union, corporate flunkies is enormous. Their well-known agenda targets the very rights we hold most dear: the right to organize; the right to bargain collectively and the right to strike.

Our rights *are* at risk. A face to face request is the best way to ensure voter turnout on Election Day. Feel free to use strong language to make your point.

**Have you heard?**

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