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Commentary

Enough is Enough

As more than five thousand trade unionists roared “Enough is Enough!,” their energy turned a simple phrase into a call for action.

The IAM Day of Action was the largest labor event in our Nation’s Capitol in sixteen years. Machinists were joined by electricians, transit workers, flight attendants, pilots, public employees, teachers, painters, mail handlers, seafarers and a host of other trades. Not since the Solidarity March in 1991 had so many labor unions shown their colors.

General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. and the entire Transportation Department deserve our thanks for a job well done. Now it is up to all of us to add mass and momentum to their tremendous efforts.

If we truly want to end the devastating attacks on working families by government agencies and corporate elites, we must do more than rail against our foes. We must act with boldness, decisiveness and forcefulness.

Right before Labor Day, the IAM will host a series of Conversations with the Candidates and then make a dual endorsement. By endorsing a Republican and a Democrat in the 2008 presidential primaries, we will make history.

And, with your active involvement, we can make the next government far more responsive to working men and women.

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