Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The elections in 2020 are going to be historic in a number of ways. We anticipate the turnout to break all previous records for a Presidential Election. We are entering a Census year, which means that redistricting of Congressional and State Legislative Districts is required. And Pennsylvania has just made the most sweeping changes to our election laws in the past 80 years.

For the first time, Pennsylvania voters will be able to cast their votes early, through widely available mail-in ballots, or in-person at their County Election Office, starting **FIFTY (50) days before** Election Day. Pennsylvania has also provided more time for voters to register to update their registration prior to an election and has eliminated straight-party voting.

We have long sought to expand voting options for our members in Pennsylvania, particularly through the availability of early voting. We believe that this will make it easier for many of our members to participate in the democratic process, and we are encouraging all of our members to consider taking advantage of this new opportunity.

Mail-in ballots can be requested from your County Election Office starting **50 days before** the election, and there will also be an online form to request a ballot. Voters may also show up in person at their election office, request a ballot on the spot, and cast their vote before leaving.

As the election cycle proceeds, we would ask you visit [www.paaflcio.org/labor2020](http://www.paaflcio.org/labor2020) to sign up for important updates, to find links to valuable resources, and to learn about Union-endorsed candidates. Together, let’s make sure that Union members’ voices are heard and that our vision for social and economic justice is clear in 2020!

In Solidarity,

Kevin M. Schmitt
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