# New England Laborers' ELECTION EDITION

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# LABORERS VOTE LABORERS WIN!

**MAINE** Voter Information "The American Labor Movement has consistently demonstrated its devotion to the public interest. It is, and has been, good for all America."

# ~John F. Kennedy



### Armand E. Sabitoni General Secretary-Treasurer & New England Regional Manager Laborers' International Union of North America

When our Founding Fathers established the Constitution, they envisioned a government based on sacrifice and dedication to our American ideals. Our Republic was formed for the purpose of establishing justice, insuring domestic tranquility, providing for our common defense, promoting the general welfare and to secure the blessings of liberty for all Americans. They established the Congress to create laws that would promote the welfare and in turn secure the personal freedom of all Americans. They specifically noted that "our posterity" or future generations should benefit from the establishment of our newly formed government.

What would they think today when Congress refuses to act and fails to provide solutions for a variety of crisis situations during a period of great suffering for the American people? The "Great Recession" has cost many Americans their livelihood, their homes and the future they envisioned for their children.

Everyone, economists, business owners, educators, our union brothers and sisters agree that our Congress should provide for the well-being of our citizens by returning our hard earned tax dollars in the form of funding for the rehabilitation of our crumbling schools, roads, bridges and other vital infrastructure. Infrastructure development is essential to every modern society and the job opportunities it creates will move our economy forward.

Instead we have paralysis in Washington. Simply stated, there are some politicians that put personal political gain before the people. The hard working Democrats, Republicans and Independents in Congress who truly care about the people and want solutions are frustrated and demoralized. I, for one, am outraged by the blatantly offensive behavior of elected leaders who refuse to work cooperatively to solve these problems.

Never before has there been such income inequality in our country, such eagerness to strip working men and women of their rights, pensions and standard of living. As watchdogs for all working men and women, unions are also under attack for standing up and demanding action.

The candidates that you will see in this publication have been interviewed and vetted by your District Council Legislative Committees for their commitment to help working people. Their voting records on issues important to working families have been scrutinized. The Democrat, Republican or Independent candidates we endorse must be focused on creating family sustaining jobs, benefits including healthcare, a public education for every child, and a pension to live on after a lifetime of work.

These are candidates that your District Council chose for your consideration as you exercise your all-important right to vote. Frustration can only be eased by action. Act on behalf of the well being of union families. Vote on November 4th!

Fraternally Yours,

Armand E. Sabitoni General Secretary-Treasurer and New England Regional Manager Laborers' International Union of North America

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### Our Endorsed Maine Candidates

#### SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS

#### Candidate for U.S. Senate



First elected in 1996, Maine Senator Susan Collins is serving her third term in the United States Senate. Known for her work in facilitating bipartisan compromise, Senator Collins is a key leader in the U.S. Congress.

Her record demonstrates significant legislative accomplishments in such critical areas as homeland security, national defense, disaster response, education, business development, and health care. Senator Collins' accomplishments range from the repeal of a \$50 billion tax break for the tobacco industry to a major overhaul of our nation's intelligence community to make us safer from terrorism.

Today, Senator Collins continues her national security work as a member of the Select Committee on Intelligence. She also serves on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, where she not only is the top Republican on the Transportation Appropriations and Housing Subcommittee, but also is a senior member of the Defense Appropriation Subcommittee. A recipient of the Navy's highest civilian honor, Senator Collins has successfully fought for increased funding for Navy shipbuilding to support the jobs of the men and women at Bath Iron Works, Maine's largest private employer, and has been recognized and been a strong advocate for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery. She has also advocated for the Maine Military Authority and the Defense Finance and Accounting Services Center in Limestone, as well as the Air National Guard base in Bangor and the Maine Army National Guard.

The Massachusetts and Northern New England Laborers' District Council is proud to endorse Senator Susan Collins for re-election to the U.S. Senate.

#### CONGRESSWOMAN CHELLIE PINGREE

#### **Candidate 1st Congressional District**



Chellie Pingree was elected to the Maine State Senate in 1992, representing Knox County. In 1996, she was chosen by her peers to be the Maine Senate Majority Leader. She helped lead the Senate for four more years, until leaving office due to term limits. As a Senator, she fought for economic and social justice, taking on powerful adversaries - most notably the pharmaceutical lobby.

As a member of the U.S. Congress serving on the House Armed Services Committee, Pingree led a fight to stop wasteful spending on a new jet engine that would take jobs from the Pratt and Whitney plant in Maine and send them to a foreign owned company. Supporting the world class workers at Bath Iron Works and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is also a top priority for Pingree. Both yards have a well-deserved reputation for high quality work delivered efficiently, often ahead of schedule and below budget. Pingree believes supporting BIW and PNSY not only protects Maine jobs, but is also the most efficient use of taxpayers' resources.

Pingree believes that America can build a home-grown solution to our energy problems, that create good paying manufacturing jobs in Maine that can't be exported, while reducing our dependence on oil. Maine is perfectly positioned to lead this new clean energy revolution, which is why she has fought for programs that promote onshore and offshore wind, tidal power and biomass energy in Maine.

#### CONGRESSWOMAN EMILY CAIN

#### **Candidate 2nd Congressional District**



Emily Cain is an experienced public servant and proven leader for Maine's working families. As a state legislator from Penobscot County, Cain has been a champion for Maine's middle class. She knows firsthand the challenges many Maine families face today trying to make ends meet.

Cain's top priority is to grow Maine's economy by helping small businesses, investing in critical infrastructure and innovation, and ensuring our students get the education they need to compete in the global economy. In the State House, she has always worked to create jobs and support policies that help Maine's middle class families. She voted to increase the minimum wage and was recognized nationally as a "Champion for Small Business" by the Coalition for Capital in 2012. As Chair of the 2006 Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development, and the Innovation Economy, Cain helped ensure the largest investment in Maine's history for research and innovation and helped create the Maine Technology Asset Fund.

Emily Cain will continue to put the middle class first in Congress. She will vote to raise the minimum wage. She will support critical investments in our public schools, universities and community colleges, and she will bring some Maine entrepreneurship to DC by pushing for investment in the innovative jobs of the future – like those in green technology.

## VOTE NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MAINE VOTERS**

- To register, you must be a United States citizen, at least 17 years of age, and have established a fixed principal home in Maine.
- To vote in a Referendum or General Election, you must be registered in the community where you reside, and be at least 18 years of age. A 17 year old may vote in a Primary Election, if that person will be 18 by the General Election.
- You can register to vote at your town office or city hall, through any Motor Vehicle branch office, in most state & federal social service agencies, or at voter registration drives.
- Completed voter registration cards may be hand delivered or mailed to your town office or city hall, or sent to the Secretary of State's Office in Augusta.
- There is no cut-off date for registering to vote in person at your town office or city hall. If you want to register to vote by mail or through a voter registration drive, the cut-off date is the close of business on the 21st day before the election. That date is Tuesday, October 14, 2014 for the General and Referendum Election.

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## Our Endorsed Maine Candidates Continued...

#### GOVERNOR MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

#### **Candidate for Maine Governor**



Michael H. Michaud was sworn in as a United States Congressman in January 2003 to represent the Second Congressional District of Maine. He was raised in Medway and attended Schenck High School in East Millinocket. After graduation, Mike followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, gaining employment at the Great Northern Paper Company. He is a 29 year employee of GNP and is a member of USW Local #4-00037 (formerly PACE Local #1-40037).

Michaud has made economic development a top priority. In 2008, his legislation creating the Northern Border Regional Commission became law. The commission is authorized to invest \$30 million per year in federal resources for economic development and job creation in the most economically distressed areas of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York. Michaud has made it his business to fight for the working families of Maine throughout his career. When he served as Senate President, Michaud was able to work across party lines to pass a two-tiered minimum wage increase unanimously. In years before and in years since, efforts to raise the minimum wage have been highly partisan but Michaud was able to work across the aisle and focus on solutions. As Michaud said when he was elected Senate President, "I don't view myself as a highly partisan individual. I like to get the work done and move on. I will work with the other side of the aisle, not inflame them."

The Massachusetts and Northern New England Laborers' District Council is proud to endorse Congressman Michael Michaud for Governor of the State of Maine because of his record of fighting for Maine's working class families.

MAINE STATE SENATE											
DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	PARTY		DISTRICT		CANDIDATE	PARTY				
1	KEN THERIAULT	D		19		ROSE ROGERS-WELLS	D				
2	MICHAEL CARPENTER	D		20		JOHN CLEVELAND	D				
3	CRAIG HEAVEY	D		21		NATHAN LIBBY	D				
4	DAVID ZIEMER	D		22		GUY DESJARDINS	D				
5	JAMES DILL	D		23		ELOISE VITELLI	D				
6	ANNE PERRY	D		24		STANLEY GERZOFSKY	D				
7	THEODORE KOFFMAN	D		25		CATHERINE BREEN	D				
8	PAUL DAVIS	D		26		BILL DIAMOND	D				
9	GEOFFREY GRATWICK	D		27		JUSTIN ALFOND	D				
10	JARIC FONTAINE	D		28		ANNE HASKELL	D				
11	JONATHAN FULFORD	D		29		REBECCA MILLETT	D				
12	DAVID MIRAMANT	D		30		JAMES BOYLE	D				
13	CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON	D		31		LINDA VALENTINO	D				
16	COLLEEN LACHOWICZ	D		32		DAVID DUTREMBLE	D				
17	THOMAS SAVIELLO	R		33		JOHN TUTTLE	D				
18	JOHN PATRICK	D		34		RICHARD BURNS	U				

MAINE STATE REPRESENTATIVES												
DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	PARTY		DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	PARTY						
1	DEANE RYKERSON	D	-	75	CHARLES DINGMAN	D						
5	JOSHUA PLANTE	D		76	RICHARD TRACY	D						
6	MARK EVES	D		77	ALAN TIBBETTS	D						
7	JOACHIM HOWARD	D		82	RACHEL SUKEFORTH	D						
8	CHRISTOPHER BABBIDGE	D		83	GAY GRANT	D						
9	DIANE DENK	D		84	CHARLOTTE WARREN	D						
10	AMY DAVIDOFF	D		85	DONNA DOORE	D						
11	RYAN FECTEAU	D		86	MONICA CASTELLANOS	D						
13	GEORGE HOGAN	D		87	TIMOTHY MARKS	D						
14	BARRY HOBBINS	D		90	MICHAEL DEVIN	D						
15	JUSTIN CHENETTE	D		91	JEFFREY EVANGELOS	U						
18	ANNE-MARIE MASTRACCIO	D		92	CHARLES KRUGER	D						
19	WILLIAM NOON	D		94	JOAN WELSH	D						
20	BETTIE HARRIS-HOWARD	D		96	CHRISTINE BURSTEIN	D						
21	JAMES CAMPBELL	U		97	ERIN HERBIG	D						
24	MARK BRYANT	D		98	JOSEPH BROOKS	U						
27	ANDREW MCLEAN	D		99 100	BRIAN JONES	D						
28 30	DWIGHT ELY KIMBERLY MONAGHAN	D D		100 101	DAVID BRIGHT JAMES DAVITT	U D						
30	TERRY MORRISON	D		101	STANLEY SHORT	D						
31	SCOTT HAMANN	D		106	JEFFREY MCCABE	D						
32 33	ROSEMARIE DEANGELIS	D		107	KAREN KUSIAK	D						
35	DILLON BATES	D		108	THOMAS LONGSTAFF	D						
35	DENISE HARLOW	D		109	HENRY MURPHY BECK	D						
30	RICHARD FARNSWORTH	D		110	GUY IVERSON	D						
38	MATTHEW MOONEN	D		114	MALCOLM GILL	D						
39	DIANE RUSSELL	D		117	CALLIE PECUNIES	D						
40	BENJAMIN CHIPMAN	U		120	DONALD CROSSMAN	D						
41	ERIK JORGENSEN	D		121	ROBERT DUCHESNE	D						
42	PETER STUCKEY	D		122	MICHELLE DUNPHY	D						
43	MARK DION	D		123	RYAN TIPPING-SPITZ	D						
45	DALE DENNO	D		124	AARON FREY	D						
46	ANNE GRAHAM	D		125	VICTORIA KORNFIELD	D						
47	JANICE COOPER	D		126	JOHN SCHNECK	D						
48	SARA GIDEON	D		127	ADAM GOODE	D						
49	MATTHEA DAUGHTRY	D		128	ARTHUR VEROW	D						
50	RALPH TUCKER	D		129	TERESA MONTAGUE	D						
52	JENNIFER DECHANT	D		130	EMERY DEABAY	D						
54	DENISE TEPLER	D		131	VERONICA MAGNAN	D						
55	ALICE ELIOTT	D		132	LOUIS LUCHINI	D						
58	MICHEL LAJOIE	D		133	RALPH CHAPMAN	D						
59	MARGARET ROTUNDO	D		134	WALTER KUMIEGA	D						
60	JARED GOLDEN	D		135	BRIAN HUBBELL	D						
61	HEIDI BROOKS	D		137	OSCAR EMERSON	D						
62	GINA MELARAGNO	D		138	ROBERT ALLEY	D						
63 64	WAYNE WERTS BETTYANN SHEATS	D D		139 140	KATHERINE CASSIDY HAROLD CLARK	D D						
64 67	BONNIE LEWIS	D		140 143	STEPHEN STANLEY	D						
67	CHRISTINE POWERS	D		145 146	TROY HAINES	D						
71	DENNISE WHITLEY	D		140	ROBERT SAUCIER	D						
71	JAMES BRADLEY	D		14/	ALAN WHITTEMORE	D						
72	ROBERT KIRCHHERR	D		148	DANIEL MARTIN	D						
74	PAUL GILBERT	D		151	JOHN MARTIN	D						
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