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VIA EMAIL

To: The Biden Administration and All Members of the United States Congress

Re: Support for IBEW Members Working for CBS News

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the approximately 820,000 active and retired members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) working in numerous industries across the United States and Canada, I am writing to express my support for IBEW members in the broadcasting sector who work for CBS Broadcasting Inc., specifically CBS News, which has been violating a recently negotiated contract and jeopardizing a decades-long alliance that predates the advent of television.

The members of the IBEW value the long, productive partnership they have maintained with CBS since 1939, when it was a radio company. Approximately 3,500 members are covered by IBEW collective bargaining agreements across CBS Broadcasting divisions, including CBS Sports, CBS Television Stations, and CBS News. For the past several months and on an ongoing basis, CBS News has continued to violate the agreement and the jurisdiction outlined in this contract by utilizing non-IBEW members to execute work traditionally performed by IBEW members.

Skilled technicians such as photographers, sound engineers, video engineers, and maintenance technicians are all seeing their union jobs endangered by the decisions being made by CBS News. These hardworking union members are the same ones covering the daily news in Washington, D.C., and throughout every state in the union. They cover natural disasters, wars, protests, the border, campaigns, and all the happenings of the U.S. House, the U.S. Senate, the White House, and the federal government. These talented men and women work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the public informed. They do not ask for accolades, just respect for their craft, and consideration for the contract they worked hard to negotiate with their employer.

In this busy political season, I encourage you to keep these facts in mind when booking appearances on CBS News programs such as 60 Minutes, The CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell, Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan, and CBS Mornings. Please help maintain the IBEW's commitment to good jobs and broadcast excellence.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth W. Cooper
International President

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