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Dear SECRC Member:

I hope that you and your family are off to a safe, healthy and profitable 2022. I want to personally thank you for your efforts during a challenging past two years with COVID 19. During that time, your Southeastern Carpenters Regional Council experienced membership growth, increased man hours, and remains financially solvent.

One area of major growth has been the SECRC's Political influence. Here's two recent examples of how the SECRC's Political activity has created work for our members:

In 2020, a fuel storage facility planned for Dickson, TN was having permit challenges. Local 223 members turned out at Zoning Committee meetings and County Commission meetings. What local elected leaders heard from Local 223 constituents resulted in the project moving forward putting 15 Local 223 members to work.

Mid 2020 in Savannah GA, a long-planned City of Savannah \$135M arena project came online. Local 256 was present at all meetings related to the arena project for 18 months prior. When the dirt work began Local 256 had received lip service only by City leaders as the arena project was 100% non-union. Local 256 backed a mayoral opponent in the November 2020 elections who WON. In January 2021, the newly elected LU 256-backed Mayor informed the General Contractor that "Local Preference" included Local 256. Since then, Local 256 has referred 82 members to the Savannah arena project and signed 5 new contractors.

Currently, 4% working dues goes to the SECRC to function. From this 4%, two pennies per hour is voluntarily designated to the Committee on Political Education (COPE) fund. To expand SECRC Political influence throughout the SECRC and build on the above successes, we need your help. Please sign the new PAC authorization form enclosed allowing up to five pennies out of the 4% to be directed to the Committee on Political Education (COPE) fund.

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY MORE MONEY DEDUCTED FROM YOUR CHECK!

ALL COPE MONIES STAY IN THE FIVE-STATE SECRC COUNCIL; NONE GO TO FEDERAL RACES!

It is the SECRC Political policy to support any candidate that supports carpenter issues. This is reflective of our membership and has had positive outcomes. During the 2020 elections, your SECRC financially supported 20 Democrats and 17 Republicans, proving we support individuals NOT parties.

Please sign the voluntary PAC authorization form and return it in the envelope provided today. If we're not at the Political table; we're on the menu. Your participation gets you a seat at the Political table through the SECRC which puts our members to work!

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas H. Jenkins".

Thomas H. Jenkins
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