

# POLITICS AND YOUR UNION

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

You and your fellow LIUNA retirees worked hard and earned your right to retirement security and prosperity for your family. But across the country, extremist politicians have gained the power to attack what you worked so hard for and are putting pensions, good jobs and even the right to join a union at risk.



## **A Strong Highway Bill Means More Union Work and More Secure Pensions**

The federal Highway Bill is the largest jobs-creating legislation in the U.S. It creates prevailing wage LIUNA work. Nearly 70% of the construction hours your fellow members work are tied to it.

The current Highway Bill expires this May and with Congress stalling on passage of a strong Highway Bill, paychecks for tens of thousands of LIUNA members will be at stake. It is an attack on the proud legacy of LIUNA members by some members of Congress to allow the roads and bridges that you built to fall into disrepair because they lack the courage and will to invest in restoring our country's infrastructure. Your pension will be weakened as work hours decline for LIUNA members who do highway work and fewer contributions are made to your pension fund.

## **Protect Prevailing Wage Laws, Protect Good Jobs and Pensions**

Prevailing wage laws ensure that taxpayer-funded projects pay local prevailing wages and benefits. Those are simply the wages and benefits that prevail in your community. That way government projects don't drive down local pay or benefits standards.

Without prevailing wage laws, union contractors will go under—and so will your pension, your healthcare and good jobs.

## **Immigration Reform: Citizenship Unites and Strengthens Our Union**

We are a nation of citizens and citizenship can strengthen our union. LIUNA members and fellow workers are fighting for comprehensive immigration reform that helps undocumented workers step out of the shadows and stops the exploitation that erodes good jobs, wages and your pension security.

## **What You Can Do**

- Get involved with your Local Union by participating in meetings and events.
- Sign up for email updates from your union by going to [Liuna.org](http://Liuna.org) and joining the LIUNA Action Network.
- Contribute to the LIUNA PAC and support candidates that fight for working families. Ask your Local Union for details on making contributions.

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